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The need for reference books, selection guidelines, issues about circulation, descriptions of various types of books, and ideas for promoting the use of these books in a congregational library are covered in this guide. The work opens with a discussion of what reference books are and broad guidelines for deciding which books should be in a congregational library. Guidelines for building the reference collection suggest ways to determine which books are currently owned, what is needed, what can be afforded, what will fit into the library, and how to plan for the future. The basics of learning to be a reference librarian are then outlined, including such areas as helping patrons to answer questions and helping them to learn. Promoting the reference section to the church or synagogue's education staff, youth groups, and other individuals is also described. Sample materials are provided, including a leaflet for a workshop on tools for Bible study; a bibliography of reference books; a quiz on library reference sources for patrons; and a sample lesson for Bible instructors. An annotated bibliography of reference books includes books about the Bible, as well as works on church history, comparative religions, denominations, music, and worship and preaching. An annotated list of reference books, prepared by Marcia Posner specifically for small, Jewish libraries, includes biographies, dictionaries, directories and almanacs, encyclopedias, history, the Holocaust, Israel and Zionism, Judaism, librarianship, quotations, and rabbinic literature. A list of publishers of religious reference books is also provided. (SD)

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PREFACE

When I was ten years old a Sunday School teacher told me that the answers to all of my questions about life were in the Bible. I believed him but I had no idea how to find those answers.

As I grew older I discovered reference books and found them to be the key to unlocking the scriptures for me. I learned to use the most elementary books as a teenager but it wasn't until much later that I became acquainted with the others. I was amazed and thrilled with the wealth of information available to me.

I do not know Hebrew, Greek or Latin. I have never had a course in church history. I haven't studied ethics or psychology or been on an archaeological dig. I haven't traveled throughout the world studying religions and I wasn't even there when my own church began. But I now know that I can learn all that I want, whenever I want, about each of these things through reference books.

As a church librarian I have considered it one of my greatest joys to share my enthusiasm for reference books with the people who use our library. The response has been an overwhelming THANK YOU from people who previously had no idea that these resources were available.

It is my prayer that this guide will encourage you to learn more about reference books, use them yourself and then share your excitement with your patrons.

I wish to thank the forty CSLA members -- participants at the 1986 Austin conference and members of the Delaware Valley Chapter -- who shared with me their views and ideas relating to the reference books in their libraries. They were a great help and encouragement to me. I am especially thankful to Marcia Posner for her contribution of the bibliography for Jewish libraries. To Bill Gentz, CSLA's publications director, who helped me every step of the way and was a joy to work with, my heartfelt THANKS.

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INTRODUCTION

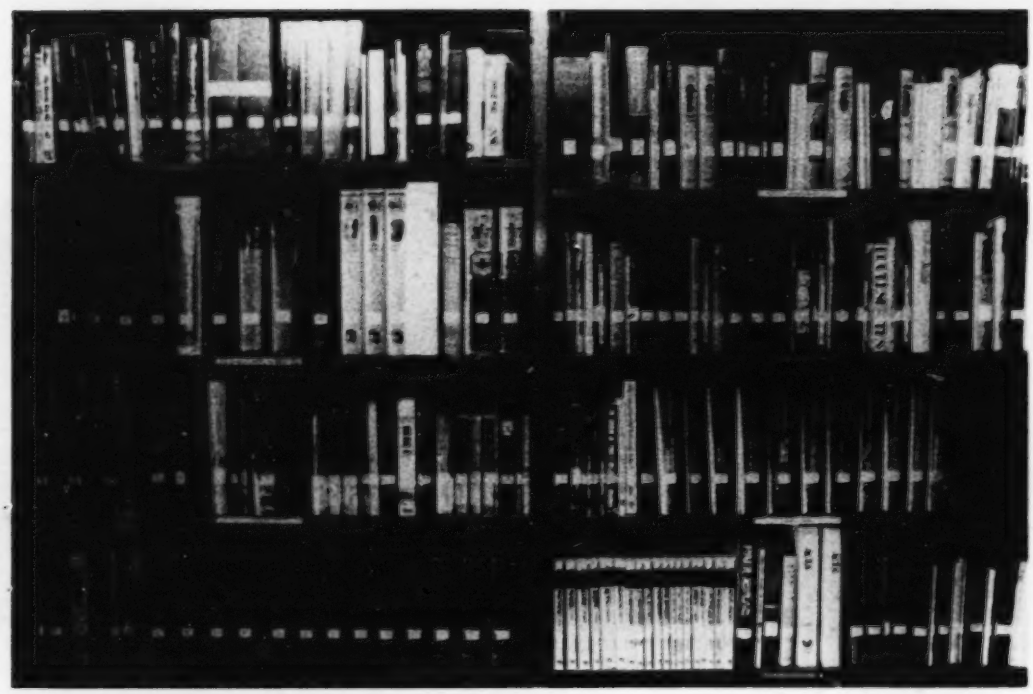
Most church and synagogue libraries have a few reference books. Many of these books sit on the shelf year after year, undisturbed except by an occasional dust cloth. Others are scarcely returned to their place before they are needed by someone else. What makes the difference?

Maybe it's the age of the books. With reference books, getting older isn't synonymous with getting better! Maybe it's their size. Someone who has never looked inside may be sure they could never understand something that big. Or maybe its the librarian -- the keeper of the books. Perhaps patrons are not using reference books because the librarian doesn't understand them.

Strange as it may seem the libraries with the best used reference sections usually have librarians who are enthusiastic about reference books. Or is that so strange?

The reference section is a vital part of any library. And patrons can become proficient at using those big, thick volumes and librarians can learn to enjoy spending more money on just one book because they know it's worth it.

In this guide we will explore the need for reference books, provide some selection guidelines, discuss circulation issues, explain the various types of books and suggest ideas for promoting the use of these books in a congregational library.



1. WHAT ARE REFERENCE BOOKS?

A reference book is defined as "a book designed by its arrangement and treatment to be consulted for definite items of information rather than to be read consecutively."

There are reference books on any subject one can imagine. A library may include a wide variety, but in this guide we will deal only with those which relate to religion and related topics. In other words, reference books that are the best candidates for a church or synagogue library.

There is great variety in reference books. They may be arranged alphabetically, chronologically, topically, in outline form, or in other ways. They may hold the answer to one burning question or supply a comprehensive discussion of an issue. They may be easy enough for a child to use or a challenge even to the theologically trained mind.

Bible reference books can help the user find what he is looking for, interpret what he is puzzled over, understand an ancient culture, learn a foreign language. Other reference books can help him understand his neighbor, his world and himself. The variety of religion-related reference books is great. They might include help with teaching two-year-olds, planning a congregation's social events or a thousand other things. Questions of many types on the minds of patrons are likely to be addressed to some extent in reference books the library can make available.

Our definition states that a reference book is not designed to be read consecutively. We will, however, include some books which may be read consecutively but which have significant value as well to the person seeking only a specific bit of information on the subject. We will include books which may not usually be considered reference books not because we want to re-define that term but because a useful congregational library needs to have such books available as reference sources.

WHICH REFERENCE BOOKS BELONG IN A CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY?

Reference books are usually the most expensive volumes in the library and they take up considerable space on already overcrowded shelves. They are sometimes too heavy to carry and sometimes intimidating to the uninitiated. They may be seldom used or annoyingly oversized. So why not just skip them and send inquiring patrons to the local public library where there are thousands of books and a professional reference librarian trained to find the answer to their every question? The answer is that the public library probably isn't prepared to help them!

Let me illustrate. To test this supposition I talked to reference librarians at the three public libraries closest to my home. I asked each one if they could help me find the answers to the following three questions in their library:

1. Do you have an outline of the biblical book of Jonah?

2. Why did Martin Luther think that the book of James should not be included in the New Testament?

3. Who wrote the words to the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and what were the circumstances of its writing?

The first library I called has a collection of more than a quarter of a million volumes. The reference librarian did not think they could find any of the answers and told me I should go to a nearby seminary library. The second library has one hundred and fifty five thousand volumes. The librarian said they had an outline of Jonah, directed me to a book which did not have the answer about Martin Luther, and said they had no information about hymn origins. The third library has seventy thousand volumes but said they didn't have an outline of Jonah or any informa-

tion on hymns. They gave me a suggestion regarding where to look for information on Martin Luther and his views on James.

To be fair, if I had spent some time in each of these libraries I might have found the answers. But the librarians themselves were not prepared to help me. The collections, as large and as impressive as they may be, were not structured to answer questions of a religious nature. The synagogue library might be confronted with questions like the following supplied by Marcia Posner, the author of chapter 6 of this guide: Who is the chief rabbi of London? Can you tell me the name of the embroidered binder used to compress the umbilicus of Jewish babies in the seventeenth century?

The congregational library should have religious reference books and help patrons learn to use them because most public libraries do not. The congregation depends upon the library to provide what they need to supplement their study materials, to help them do their personal Bible study, to answer their children's questions about God, to help them understand their neighbor's faith, to teach them about their congregation and its history, and much, much more. The public library may not consider these things a high priority but the congregational library does.

The church or synagogue library provides reference tools that can't be found elsewhere and that few people can afford to own personally. While the cost of the reference books may strain a library's budget a bit, it would be impossible for most families to purchase a similar collection on their own. Next time you wince at purchasing an expensive reference book divide its cost by the number of families in your congregation and think about how inexpensive it really is.

The congregational librarian makes it possible for patrons to find what they need. The collection is focused on their special questions and the staff is familiar with the books and their uses. Librarians are able to educate their patrons in the use of the books from childhood on. They have the joy of opening up a whole new world to someone who has never used a religious reference work, someone who doesn't even know that such exists.

With proper training and use, the reference section may become such an important resource for patrons' study that they will wonder how they ever managed without its help. One young person attending our church became such a frequent user of reference books that when he moved to another church, he called me to see if he could still use them. Eventually he missed our reference section so much that he asked me to advise him on starting a library in his church so everyone could have the advantage of such reference books.

So, the congregational library has reference books because they are needed.

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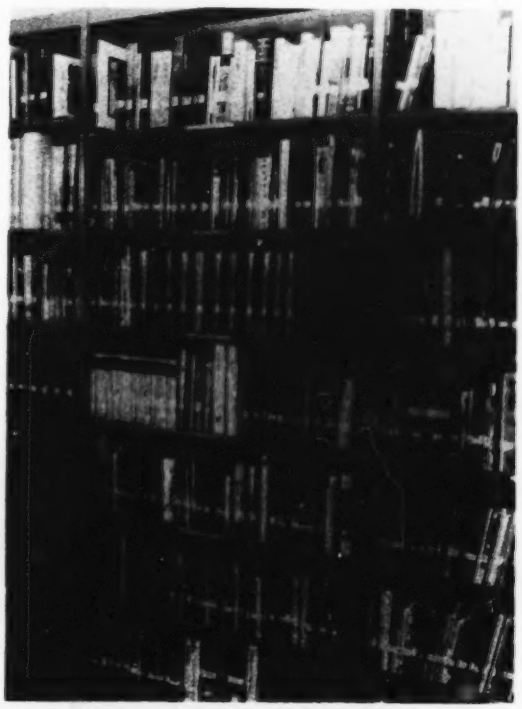


2. BUILDING A REFERENCE COLLECTION

A builder of any structure works from drawings or blue prints. A builder of a useful library reference collection also needs to have a picture of the desired result. The more detailed this picture, the easier it will be to attain the goal. As you develop a plan for your reference section ask yourself the following questions.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

Take stock of what you presently have in your collection. Evaluate each reference book. Is it in good enough condition to continue to be used? Is the content of such a nature that it is still relevant? For example, a dictionary of archaeology printed in 1900 would be very outdated today. Discard the ones no longer desirable for your collection. Then record which types and how many of each you have remaining in the library.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

The types of reference books needed in your library will be determined by the people it serves. You must know who these people are. What levels of education do they have? What are their interests? Do they have any theological training? Are they young or old? Who are your patrons? Are they only members of your congregation or the broader community? Do you have a school or other educational unit connected with your congregation whose students use your library? Does your church emphasize missions, Sunday School, home Bible studies? Who is it that you seek to serve, and what are their needs? Perhaps a survey of your patrons could help you determine these things if you don't already have this information.

Think back over the informational questions that have been asked by your patrons in the past. Did you have the books with the answers? What kinds of books were needed? Have your patrons ever requested specific reference books? What is taught in your congregation on a regular schedule? Which questions need to be researched by each class? Which books would be a help to the teachers? Talk to the leaders and get their suggestions. The reference books that your patrons will use are the ones that are useful to them. When you know whom you serve, you'll know better what to provide for their use.

As you expand your reference section keep in mind the scope of your collection. Try to broaden it in several different ways. Develop it in such a way that you have many different types of tools, and within each type several different works on various levels of difficulty. Try to keep each section as up-to-date as possible.

WHAT CAN YOU AFFORD?

Although church or synagogue libraries are often the recipients of boxes of donated books, few usually contain reference books. Perhaps that is because anyone who has a reference book wants to hold onto it. Whatever the reason, it forces us to spend a significant amount of our resources on reference works.

In order to make the best use of limited funds planning is essential. Investigate the book stores in your area to see which ones give library discounts. (Carry your congregation's tax exempt number with you always.)

Watch for sales. If you have a list of books you know you want eventually, it may be wise to buy them when they are on sale. Be careful, however, because sometimes reference books go on sale just before a new edition comes out. Be sure you know what you are buying.

Some publishers and religious supply houses offer library discounts. Check with those from whom you order to be sure that you are aware of their policies.

Look into discount book distributors and mail order houses such as the following:

Christian Book Distributors, Inc.
P.O.Box 3687
Peabody, MA 01961-3687

Puritan Reformed Discount Book Service
1319 Newport Gap Pike
Wilmington, DE 19804-2895

It is sometimes possible to save considerable amounts by mail even after the postage is added. Read the fine print carefully since you can't actually see the books.

Consider the possibility that used books may sometimes meet a special need in the collection. If a book which is out of print is needed, or if one volume of a set has been lost and it cannot be replaced because the books in the set are not sold separately, consider these specialized resources of rare and used religious books:

Christian Classics, Inc.
73 W. Main St.
P.O.Box 30
Westminster, MD 21157

Kregel's Bookstore
525 Eastern Ave., S.E.
P.O.Box 2607
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2607

Ideal Book Store
1125 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, New York 10025
(especially for Jewish books)

These companies print catalogs and will search for specific titles upon request.

WHAT WILL FIT INTO YOUR LIBRARY?

The space which is available in your library will determine to some extent which books you buy. Quality and quantity are both to be considered here. Do you need some of each type of reference book? Will space allow for more that one of each type? Would it be better to have only a few types and more of each? Would it be better to have one multi-volume encyclopedia or several single volume sets? The answers to these questions must be decided with a clear understanding of the needs of your patrons.

It would be helpful, as well, to consider the future of your library. If there is no possibility that anyone can foresee that you will have more space someday, then you will want to make your purchases accordingly. If, on the other hand, it is likely that a future building will include a bigger room for the library then buy the books for that room.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BUY?

When you have thought through the previous questions and have an idea of what is needed in your reference section, you must decide exactly which books to buy. Although you may seek advice from your clergy, education leaders, review sources, and patrons the actual choice is usually yours and your committee's. The following guidelines can help you make responsible decisions.

KNOW THE PUBLISHERS

One of the best ways to determine which books to buy, especially if it is impossible to actually see the book before ordering it, is to get to know the publishers. It will be helpful to you to become familiar with their theological points of view, the physical quality of their books, and the quality of their content. Read some of their non-reference books to get a feeling for their standards and use the list in this guide to see how they describe themselves to the religious community.

If you want to know more about the theological content of a particular reference book, try this. Choose several topics or verses which you know to be controversial and read what the book has to say in those areas. If you are uncertain about what these topics are, ask your clergy for help.

LOOK AT THE BOOKS

Reference books are costly. Therefore, give a larger than usual investment of time to their selection. Try to see them for yourself before buying them. Your local religious bookstore will likely have a selection of books available for you to evaluate and compare with one another and will be happy to order others that you wish to purchase. If there is a theological seminary or other religious school in your area you might visit its bookstore. Its library may also be helpful but it may not contain as many current titles as the bookstore. Other congregational libraries in your area will have some volumes that you don't have. Volunteer to show your favorites to other librarians near you and have them show you theirs.

When evaluating a particular book, consider the quality of its binding. Is it suitable for the amount of use it will get in your library? What is the quality of the paper, the illustrations, and the maps? Evaluate the extent of the content. Does it cover the subject adequately? On what level is it written? Can a layperson understand it? Is a one-volume edition suitable or should you have a larger set? What size is the print? (See CSLA guide #4 for additional selection ideas.)

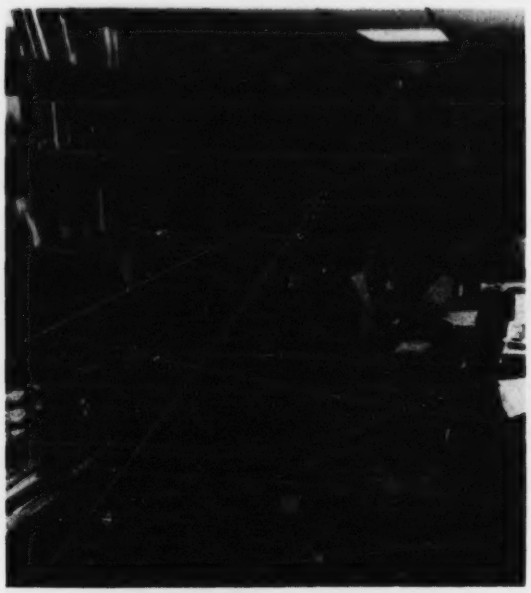
Occasionally a reference work, especially an older standard work, may be published by several publishers in different editions which may vary in the quality of the paper or the binding, the size of print, the number of appendices, the extent of the text, etc. These variations may result in differences in price and in suitability for your collection. Be sure you take all of these things into consideration when making your choice.

Reviews and recommendations by friends will often direct your thinking toward a book you may want but there is no substitute for handling the book yourself and doing your own evaluation to see if it belongs in your library.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

When you have taken into consideration the needs of your patrons, the size of your budget, the space on your shelves, and the books you want to own you will have a good idea of how to proceed with building your reference collection. Your biggest frustration will be that you can't go right out and buy a hundred books.

The day will come, however, when you can buy many of the tools you've wanted and you will need to be prepared. Make a list of all of your reference books. Arrange them by type. Decide which areas are skimpy and need to be expanded. List specific titles when you know them. Then make a list of the books that you want in the order in which you want to acquire them. Take this list with you when you go to a bookstore. Check it when you receive a notice of a sale. Refer to it when you order books by mail. Have it handy when you need a suggestion for a memorial book. Use it any time there is a special occasion for your patrons to give a gift to the library. If you always know what you want, you'll usually want what you get.



3. LEARNING TO BE A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

The best reference collection in the world is of absolutely no use if the library's patrons don't use it. It is the librarian's responsibility to make the books accessible. Patrons need to know where to find reference books, when they can be used and how to use them.

SHOULD REFERENCE BOOKS CIRCULATE?

The librarian wants patrons to make the most use of those books that have been carefully selected for them. One major question that must be resolved is whether or not reference books should circulate.

Most public and school libraries do not allow the reference books to leave the library. There are good reasons for this. Reference books are usually quite expensive. They often come in multi-volume sets and one volume, if it is lost, cannot easily be replaced. And due to the nature of reference works it is thought that they should be available at all times for anyone to use. These are certainly valid considerations in most instances but perhaps congregational libraries present a unique set of circumstances.

Consider these reasons for allowing reference books to be checked out from your library. The size of your library may not allow for tables and chairs and so there may not be a suitable place for reference books to be used in the library. Your patrons may not be able to spend the time needed in the library to do the research work. Perhaps your patrons live too far away to come in to the library when they need a book and maybe the library isn't open during the week. Often a teacher may need a reference book for the duration of a unit of study.

If you would rather have the books used than sitting on the shelves, you may want to allow the books to be checked out. By taking a few precautions you can protect your collection. Be certain to record the name, address and phone number of any borrower whose name is not in your congregation's directory. Follow up all overdues promptly. Impress upon the borrowers the value of the books to your collection and the need to return them as soon as possible.

If you know that several people will need the same book in a short period of time, you could adjust your policies accordingly. If you are fortunate enough to have several copies of some reference books, you might want to have a section of duplicate copies that do not circulate.

Consider your own situation. How can the books serve the most people most of the time? Is it more important that the books are sitting on the shelves or that they are in the hands of the people?

Since you have chosen your books with your congregation in mind and determined the best possible access to them, how are you going to help your patrons use the tools in the most beneficial way?

Large public libraries often have a very helpful person sitting behind a sign that says "REFERENCE". If your desk does not have one of those signs it doesn't mean that you are not the reference librarian! In a congregational library everyone who checks out books should be able to handle reference questions. A library staff well prepared for this task usually means that the congregation will use the reference section extensively.

GROUP TRAINING

Often it is not practical or possible for a congregational librarian or a library committee to attend a library school to learn how to provide reference service. But they can teach themselves. Start by learning which reference sources your library has. Then become acquainted with each book -- how to use it, what to use it for, its level of scholarship, its coverage of the subject, and any other relevant features.

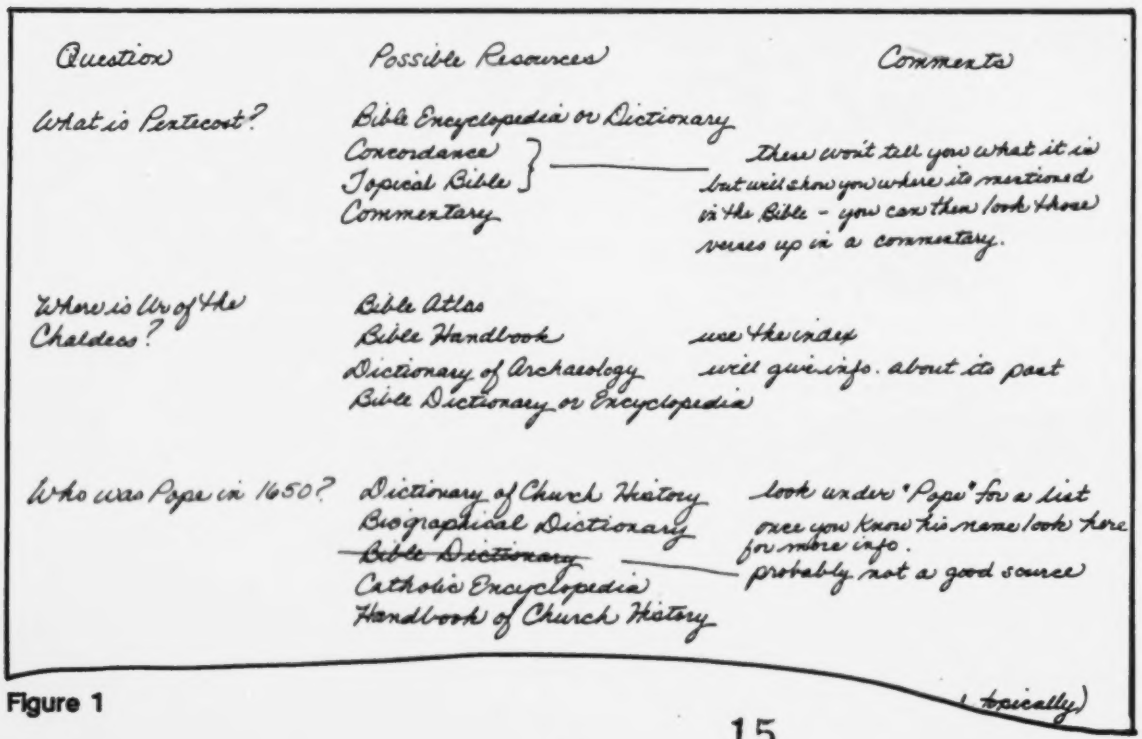
A good way to do this is to read any introductory sections carefully, examine all parts of the book including table of contents, lists of charts or maps, indexes, appendices, lists of abbreviations, glossaries, etc. Find out, for example, what the scope of a history book is by reading the listings in the index. Does it cover only major figures in history or more minor ones as well? Does it cover events all over the world or only what happened in the U.S.A. or Europe? Does the introduction make it clear to you how to use the book? Read as much of the book as is needed to make you thoroughly familiar with it and able to describe its use to someone else. You will be surprised how quickly you become familiar and then comfortable with the process of learning to use these books.

This training could begin with your committee as a whole. You could study one or two books at each meeting starting with the ones most familiar to someone on the committee. Go slowly so that each book may be understood completely before going on to the next. Be sure that each person takes time to study each book until they understand it.

After you have studied several different books you might want to evaluate your understanding of them by making a chart such as the one below. Formulate questions to which you want to know the answers or which you have had patrons ask in the library. Use the books you have studied to find the answers and then record them on the chart. The more quickly and accurately you select the correct books the better understanding you have of the uses the books have. When you have completed your chart you could use parts of it for contests, quizzes in your newsletter or in other ways which we will discuss later.

The questions you will be asked in your reference section will vary greatly in type and in difficulty. The better you know the books and the more books you know the more helpful you can be to your patrons. Although you will never learn all that your books contain, if you know how to use them that will be almost as satisfactory.

After your library committee members have prepared themselves to use the reference books, they will be ready to help inquirers find the information they are seeking and to teach them how to use the books by themselves.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Concordance
Topical Bible
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Bible Atlas
Bible Handbook
Dictionary of Archaeology
Bible Dictionary or Encyclopedia
use the index will give info. about its past
Who was Pope in 1650?
Dictionary of Church History
Biographical Dictionary
Bible Dictionary
Catholic Encyclopedia
Handbook of Church History
look under "Pope" for a list once you know his name look here for more info.
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topically)

Figure 1

HELPING PATRONS ANSWER QUESTIONS

When someone asks a reference question in your library he needs some assistance with his search. If he didn't he would have used the books by himself. You can be most helpful if you begin by determining exactly what the question is. Listen carefully to the question. Encourage the inquirer to elaborate. Ask questions. Try to determine what he already knows about the subject. What is his reason for the search and how much information does he want. How quickly does he need the information?

Taking all of these things into consideration and knowing the resources available in your collection plan how to find the desired information. Use the card catalog and general works such as dictionaries and encyclopedias first. Then consult more specific works. Offer as many possible sources of information as you can. Don't give up quickly. Offer to look further in the next day or two. If necessary, consult with your clergy or other specialists or refer the inquirer to a congregational library with more extensive resources.

The actual research may be done by the librarian and handed to the inquirer, by the inquirer himself once the librarian has pointed out the appropriate books, or by the two together. It is important to determine how much help is wanted and needed and proceed accordingly.

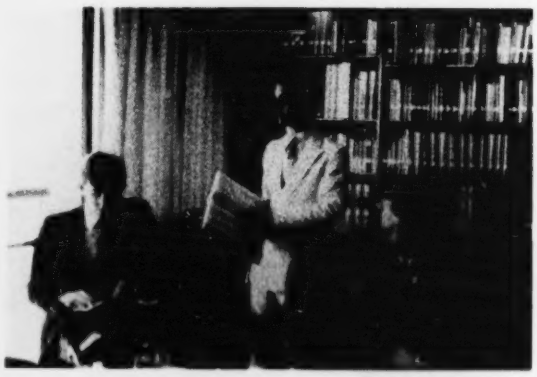
The librarian may do all of the work if the inquirer is unwilling or unable to do it. He may be afraid of the card catalog or the large volumes because he doesn't understand them and he may be embarrassed to try. He may not have time to do the research. He may not be able to read the small print that characterizes many reference works. Be sensitive and accommodating but don't forget that your ultimate goal is to help him learn to use the books for himself in the future.

The librarian may point the inquirer to the appropriate books and leave him on his own. Although this takes less of the librarian's time, it may be frustrating or embarrassing to the patron who is not overly familiar with the resources. It may discourage him from asking questions in the future and from learning to use the books for himself.

HELPING PATRONS LEARN

The librarian's goal is to help the inquirer do the research. A question asked of the librarian is an excellent opportunity to be of service and to teach about reference books. Give a brief introduction and overview of each book as you refer to it. Let the patron handle the book himself and use it with your guidance. If your library rules allow it, encourage him to check out any book which he finds helpful. Emphasize the importance of reading the introduction for a clear understanding of its use. Give him an overview of all the types of reference works your library has. Your excitement will help the inquirer to see the possibilities present for learning. Invite him back for more instruction in the use of the reference books.

As an effective reference librarian you will be flexible and adjust to the individual patron and his particular questions. You will be sensitive to the learner's needs, feelings and abilities remembering that once you, too, were unfamiliar with those imposing volumes. Give as much help as is needed but remember that the best help is to gradually wean the patrons away from dependence on you to joyful independent use of those marvelous reference resources.



4. PROMOTING THE REFERENCE SECTION

Teaching individual patrons how to use the reference books as the opportunity arises is a course you should most certainly follow. Equally important is the systematic instruction of groups of people in your congregation. Promotion of your reference section can best be done by teaching as many people as possible about the treasures hidden in those books. The more people who are trained to use reference books the more workers you will have in your campaign for reference book literacy.

Among the groups you will want to teach first are the education staff and youth leaders of your congregation. If you can communicate to these persons the importance of the reference books and their usefulness in preparing and presenting lessons, you will have gained valuable assistants.

Regularly scheduled teachers meetings are good times to present the reference books, one or two at each meeting. Or you might want to have a longer session and cover all of the books in one day. You might even join with several churches or synagogues in your area to do this on a large scale. (See figure 2).

However you choose to do it remember that the best learning takes place when the most senses are used in the process. Have as many copies of each type of book available as possible. Borrow them from congregation members who own their own copy, from the clergy, or from other libraries. Be certain that each person you are attempting to teach is able to handle the book, read it for himself and locate the answers to some appropriate questions before he is finished.

When instructing a group on the use of the reference books it is a good idea to begin with an introduction to each book, including its purpose, content and arrangement. Discuss and record suggestions of the type of questions answered by the book. Then allow time for individual interaction with each book. Encourage participants to read the introduction, examine the various parts of the book, and look up the answers to some of the questions recorded by the group earlier. If possible, provide several books of each type which may be compared to one another. Conclude your time together by sharing exciting discoveries made by participants and inviting everyone to take a book home with them for further study and enjoyment.

Whatever your method of instructing the teachers you must help them constantly if you expect their help in promoting the reference books. Prepare for them an annotated bibliography of the reference books in the library and update it when necessary. (See figure 3). Provide them with printed information about each type of reference book so that they may use it when teaching their students. The information in the next section of this guide may be used for that purpose. If a teacher does not feel comfortable enough with the reference books to teach someone else, be willing to do it for them. Perhaps you could have one library worker available to substitute at the last minute for any teacher and to work with reference books for that class period. You could arrange to teach about one book each week in a departmental opening exercises. You could develop a unit on reference books and present it each year to a particular grade level in Sunday School or CCD classes. At the conclusion of the unit challenge the participants with a quiz involving the use of the books you studied. (See figure 4). You might offer to show an adult class or youth group the books that will be useful in their current course of study. But whatever you are doing be sure to relate the instruction to the interests and abilities of your audience.

Help the teachers to promote the reference books in their classes by giving them creative suggestions on how to do it. Encourage them to provide the appropriate books and have their students look up information during the class.

Show them how they could combine a study of biblical reference tools with a study of one particular biblical concept. (See figure 5). Remind them to mention the books they used themselves in preparing the lesson for that day. Suggest that teachers use reference question quizzes for pre-class activities, out-of-class challenges or youth group activities. Encourage the youth leaders to let their group make a slide-tape presentation about how to use a certain reference book and then use it to teach another group about the book. Propose imaginative activities and help the teachers carry them out. Then rejoice together as the students learn to love the reference section of your library.

In addition to the teachers there may be other groups in your congregation who would welcome an introduction to reference books at one of their meetings. Volunteer your services to the men's club, the singles group, the ladies circle, the young mothers co-op, or whatever you have. Develop a presentation which addresses their interests and teaches them about those particular books which are likely to be used by them.

Perhaps there are classes or individuals who would enjoy taking time out from the normal class format to do a unit of independent study. You might promote this stimulating activity by introducing the reference books, suggesting suitable topics and helping students with their research. The students could use the library as their classroom for the duration of this study.

In addition to actually teaching people about the reference books you should continually remind them that these resources are available and encourage their use. Colorful posters and bulletin boards can feature the reference books under such titles as "Buried Treasure", "A Gold Mine of Facts", "Looking for Something?", etc. Displays can feature one particular book and how to use it. Such exhibits can be set up at new member or teachers banquets, in the hall of the education building, outside the library or wherever you like. When new reference books are added to your collection, display them and put a note in the weekly bulletin or library newsletter outlining their use. Use your newsletter to systematically teach the congregation about each one of your reference books and to publish reviews by satisfied users. (See figure 6). Ask your clergy to mention, from time to time, reference works which he or she especially enjoys using. Stimulate the curiosity of your patrons by putting interesting reference questions in the newsletter. Perhaps a long-range contest could be built around a series of these monthly or quarterly groups of questions. The answers, which should always be found in reference books you have in the library, could be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

If space permits in your library try to provide a place conducive to using reference books. A table and chairs in a well-lighted area with paper and pencils available is ideal.

The ultimate goal of all your work promoting the reference books will be seen in a patron who comes to appreciate the books so much that he wants to have his own. And sometimes it works the other way as well - the person who has his own loves to use the library. You can help arrange both of these situations. Consider the possibility of making a quantity purchase of a carefully selected, basic reference book. Promote your plan ahead of time by educating the congregation about this book. Have the books for sale at graduation or Christmas time or some other suitable occasion. Synagogues will want to take advantage of the annual observance of Jewish book month. Books can be sold at list price and the project can be a library fund-raiser. Or sell the books at the discount price you paid and consider it a service to people who would not have purchased the books otherwise. Each year choose a different book. Over the years some people will build a useful personal library and thank you for it.

Promotion of your reference section should never stop. Use all of the creative ideas you can come up with to keep those books in your patrons' minds and hands.

TOOLS FOR BIBLE STUDY

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2:00-2:15 Welcome and Worship, Fellowship Hall

2:15-2:55 Orientation, Fellowship Hall

3:00-4:30 Practice Centers, Great Hall

4:30-4:45 Refreshments, Fellowship Hall

4:45-5:00 Closing, Fellowship Hall

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CHECK LIST FOR STUDY HELPS IN YOUR BIBLE

___ Table of Contents or alphabetical index of the books of the Bible and abbreviations used for them
___ Pronunciation guide
___ Short history of the Bible (often in preface)
___ Introduction or overview of each book of the Bible (May be all in one place or at the beginning of each book
___ Cross references given for passages--in a mid-page column, at the bottom of the page, or at the beginning of a chapter section
___ Footnotes explaining difficult words or differences in wording of a passage
___ Small concordance or subject index
___ Word list or dictionary
___ Maps
___ Index for maps to help locate cities
___ Short chronology or timeline of the Bible

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PRACTICE CENTERS

Bible Atlas Center	Buddy Miller, Leader
Commentary Center	Blaine Stepp, Leader
Dictionary Center	David Clark, Leader
Concordance Center	Dillon Laffln, Leader
Cross References/ Footnotes Center	Betty Burghduff, Leader
Bible Versions Center	Boyce Jones, Leader
Monitor	Barbara Bahrt

DIRECTIONS: Each table has several copies of one type of reference book. The copies displayed may vary in size and scope. Spend a few minutes examining these books before trying to answer the questions on the worksheet. You may work together with the others at your table if you desire. Use your Bible as well as the reference works to locate as many of the answers as you can. When the whistle sounds proceed to the next center.

Figure 2 Reference Books Workshop

REFERENCE BOOKS IN YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Reference books have been defined as short cuts to learning, since they condense within a single book information otherwise scattered through thousands of volumes.

Reference books provide specific bits of information to describe, locate and define. They are indespensable time savers.

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES
   World Book Dictionary, 2 vols.
   Webster's International, 3 vols.

2. BIBLE DICTIONARIES: Bring together information on all Bible subjects, all Bible concepts and persons in the Bible. Define words "peculiar" to Christian usage.
   Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (and Supplement), 5 vols.
   Harper's Dictionary of the Bible.
   The Christian word book.
   Unger's Bible dictionary.
   The New Westminster dictionary of the Bible.
   The Dictionary of Bible and religion, Gentz.(newest addition)

3. BIBLE CONCORDANCES: Concordances are maps directing readers to location of specific words or passages in the Bible. Concordances are prepared for specific Bible versions, translations, paraphrases.
   Strong's Exhaustive concordance of the Bible (King James Version).
   Zondervan Expanded concordance (modern translations, several).
   New American Standard concordance (New American Bible).
   Handy Concordance (Revised Standard Version) abridged.
   Nave's Topical Bible.

4. BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIAS: All subjects, concepts persons treated in the Bible on a more detailed basis. Longer articles than a dictionary provide in depth material, in particular the 5 vol. encyclopedia below.
   Zondervan's Pictorial encyclopedia of the Bible, 5 vols.
   Eerdman's Family Encyclopedia of the Bible (a fine one for home libraries)

5. COMMENTARIES: These are one scholar's (or a group of scholar's) interpretation of Scripture. Arrangement is usually in Bible sequence. One rule that is advisable when using commentaries is "never use just one". Look for more than one opinion, the significant fact is one that more than one commentator agrees on. Commentaries are important because most people do not have the language skills in ancient language, so we benefit from the scholar's linguistic experience.
   The Interpreter's Bible. 12 vols.
   Clarke's Commentary and critical notes, 6 vols.
   Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Holy Bible, 3 vols.
   Abingdon Commentary.
   Wycliffe Commentary.
   Encyclopedia of Difficulties in the Bible.
   The Interpreter's Concise Commentary on the Bible, 8 vols. paper.

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CHURCH LIBRARY

Figure 3 Bibliography

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Oil City, PA

LIBRARY REFERENCE SESSION QUIZ

Name _____ Grade _____

Please indicate the answer as well as the name of the reference book consulted.

1. Where may the Ten Commandments be found in the Bible?

2. Explain water as the symbol of baptism.

3. Describe or make a drawing of a yoke.

4. At Confirmation, what does the Bishop represent?

5. In our Prayer Book service of Holy Communion what is meant by the "comfortable words?"

6. Interpret Philippians 3: 12-14.

7. Why did the author of the words to Hymn 493 earn the reputation of being a saint?

8. How did Jews in Bible times treat slaves?

9. Define "forgiveness."

10. What recording in our library tells about forgiveness?

11. Write two Bible verses that refer to absolution.

12. Were "Essenes" Protestants, Catholics, or Jews?

13. List three books in our church library which contain information about St. Paul.

14. In what year was Christ Church, Oil City, founded?

15. Which is the correct spelling: Sadducees Saducees Sadusies

16. Using the map on the next page, indicate the location of the following:

Antioch Caesarea Colossae Damascus Thessalonica

17. Where is the word "Christian" found in the Bible?

Figure 4 Quiz on Reference Books

SAMPLE LESSON

USING BIBLICAL REFERENCE TOOLS TO TEACH BIBLICAL CONCEPTS

Today we are going to study what the Bible says about temptation. We are going to use reference books to help us find as much information as possible.

Q. What is the difference between a biblical reference book and a regular reference book?

A. A biblical reference book treats only information which relates to the Bible.

Q. Why do you think biblical reference books are helpful in our study of the Bible?

A. We don't know the original languages in which the Bible was written so we need help from those who do.

A. Because of their orderly arrangement reference works can help us find answers quickly.

A. Reference books represent the work of many scholars which we may never have the time or talent to do by ourselves.

Q. What is a Bible dictionary or a Bible encyclopedia?

A. These books contain an alphabetical listing of the persons, places, things, and concepts in the Bible and provide basic information about them.

Q. What could we find out about temptation from one of these books?

A. They would give a definition, synonymns, and usage of the word in the Bible.

Assignment: Each student will use a different copy of a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia and look up "temptation." After reading the entries each person will share with the class, in his own words, what his book had to say. Similarities and differences can be discused.

Q. What is a topical Bible?

A. A topical Bible contains an alphabetical listing of the subjects or topics mentioned in the Bible. Under each topic the verses which relate to that topic are listed in the order in which they are found in the Bible.

Q. What could we find out about temptation from a topical Bible?

A. It would show us the kinds of things people in the Bible were tempted to do. It would give us advice from the Bible on how to overcome temptation. etc.

Assignment: Each student will choose one of these subjects and using a topical Bible, find out what the Bible says about them. They will summarize their findings and report to the class.

Q. What is a commentary? etc.

Figure 5 Sample Lesson

FOOTNOTES

FROM THE BETHEL BAPTIST LIBRARY

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HERE'S HOW

The NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY is actually a revision of the old Theologisches Begriffslexikon zum Neuen Testament (a work no doubt familiar to our German readers!). Unlike the older work the new edition is written in plain "American".

Despite the heavy introduction this set in three volumes is one of the most useful study aids in our library, especially for the serious student who has little or no acquaintance with Greek. Using this work, theological terms found in the English text can be traced to their original meanings in classical Greek, secular Greek, Old Testament and Rabbinic writings and New Testament usage.

Here is how to use this book. Jot down a "key" word that is central to a verse or passage that you are studying. For example, the word "joy". The dictionary is arranged alphabetically in English. When you look up "joy" you will see that there are three main Greek words that are translated "joy". Their meanings are thoroughly discussed and many examples are used both in the New Testament and in other writings to give you a broad understanding of the meaning in your particular verse. This kind of study can add real depth to both your ability to teach and your own understanding of God's Word.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Would I sound like a broken record if I said that the library is being used more every day? Well, it is! In the past quarter I've noticed that more young people have been using the reference section in particular and not only for term papers but also for help with problems and for information on their Sunday School lessons. The Wednesday night High School prayer group has spent the past four weeks using concordances, dictionaries and commentaries to do individual study on some phrases in Romans 12. It has been exciting to see the wealth of information available to us right in our library.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF. . .

. . . taking library books on vacation with you?

. . . reading a library book while you wait at the doctor's office or at music lessons?

. . . working in the library?

. . . using the library while your children are in youth groups?

REVIEWS BY YOU

Affliction by Edith Schaeffer

This book is one that deals beautifully with the "whys" of sufferings that each of us has gone through or are now experiencing

Figure 6 Library Newsletter

5. SOME SUGGESTED REFERENCE BOOKS AND HOW TO USE THEM

This chapter contains bibliographies of many types of reference books which may be included in a church library. See chapter six for a list of reference books suitable for a Jewish library. Each list includes a wide variety of books of the same type. A careful reading of the descriptions provided by the publishers will give insight into what is currently available and help guide you to the best choice for your library. Entries which are preceded by "C" are especially suitable for children's use.

The descriptions of the biblical studies books may be used to help promote them where patrons are unfamiliar with their use.

BIBLE ATLASES AND HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY BOOKS

An atlas is basically a collection of maps. Bible atlases use maps as well as other types of information to illustrate the lands in which the events in the Bible occurred. Some bible-related atlases may contain maps and information on such things as church history, missions or archaeological sites.

The maps in a Bible atlas may be of buildings, cities, countries, or other larger or smaller areas. They may trace the routes of important journeys, illustrate battle plans, define the boundaries of kingdoms. Maps might illustrate the differences in one location over a period of years or centuries. They might show such things as rainfall, temperature, economy, topography, or flora and fauna of an area.

Many atlases include present day photographs of the biblical sites. Chronological tables showing the relationship of events in several countries are sometimes included. Some atlases include extensive text to describe the maps.

An historical geography book usually provides more text and less maps. It provides additional information which maps may not convey adequately.

C Frank, Harry Thomas, ed. Atlas of the Bible Lands, New edition. Broadman, 1984, pb, 48 p., $4.95.
Includes maps, illustrations, text, time charts, and index-gazetteer of newly updated materials.

Anderson, Charles S. Augsburg Historical Atlas of Christianity in the Middle Ages and Reformation. Augsburg, pb, 64 p., $9.95.
Contains 32 color maps.

Pfeiffer, Charles F., ed. Baker's Bible Atlas. Baker, 1979, pb, 347 p., $15.95.
A Bible geography containing nineteen colored maps, numerous black and white maps, seventy-five photographs. Contents follow the scriptural narrative from Genesis through Revelation. A brief review of biblical archaeology is also included.

Also published by:
Broadman, $16.95 (The Bible Atlas)

Baly, Denis. Basic Biblical Geography. Fortress, 1986, pb, 80 p., $4.95.
Presents a concise yet comprehensive overview of the geography of Palestine and the Transjordan region. Enhancing the texts are illustrations, maps, and the author's own photographs from approximately fifty years of study and travel.

Carson, D. A. Compact Bible Atlas with Gazetteer. Baker, pb, $4.95.
Contains nineteen full-color Hammond maps and a comprehensive gazetteer with 1,300 entries.

Berrett, LaMar C. Discovering the World of the Bible. Thomas Nelson, $14.95.
Armchair tour of the ten modern countries in which the events of the Bible occurred. More than 200 maps, diagrams, and photographs.

Eerdman's Atlas of the Bible: With A-Z Guide to Places. Eerdmans, 68 p., $7.95.
This compact reference work uses full-color maps, charts, and photographs along with an easy-to-read text to facilitate an understanding of the historical and geographical context of significant events in both the Old and New Testaments.

Dehoney, Wayne. An Evangelical's Guidebook to the Holy Land. Broadman, pb, $9.95.
Travel facts are here, including routes to be taken, time required, points of departure, types of accommodations. Along with these facts and the photos of important sites is text describing the history, biblical events, relevant scripture references, and archaeological finds connected with the sites.

Beitzel, Barry J. The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands. Moody, 1985, 234 p., $29.95.
Beitzel has blended the topographical and historical in multicolored maps that accurately reflect evangelical Christianity. 100,000 words of text provide useful commentary for more than ninety maps of Palestine, the Mediterranean, Near East, the Sinai, and Turkey.

The New Bible Atlas. Tyndale, 1984, 128 p., $14.95.
Includes maps, charts, diagrams, photos, and illustrations. Each relates archaeological, geographical, historical, or biblical discoveries to life in Bible times.

May, Herbert G., ed. Oxford Bible Atlas. Rev. by John Day. 3rd ed. Oxford, 1984, 144 p., $18.95. Same, pb, $9.95.
The most recent advances in biblical, archaeological, and topographical scholarship have now been incorporated into this long-respected work. 26 colored maps. Plates. Gazetteer.

C Root, Orrin. Standard Bible Atlas. Standard, 32 p., $3.50.
Survey of Bible history, Holy Land photographs, 17 full-color maps.

Cleave, Richard. Student Map Manual: Historical Geography of the Bible Lands. Zondervan, 168 p., $29.95.
Uses modern camera techniques and cartography methods to achieve presentations of Israel/Palestine. Maps are cross-referenced, indexed for place names, and keyed to Biblical passages and other source material.

C Rowley, H. H., ed. Student's Bible Atlas. Judson, pb, $4.95.
Includes 26 full-color maps of ancient Near East, journey to the Promised Land, Palestine in the time of Christ, Paul's journeys, the spread of Christianity from A.D. 400 to this century. Time diagrams illustrating historical periods from 2000 B.C. to the present.

Wright, G. Ernest, and Filson, Floyd V., ed. The Westminster Historical Atlas to the Bible. Revised ed. Westminster, 130 p., $18.95.

Includes material on Dead Sea Scrolls and other archaeological discoveries; chronological data; indexes to maps and modern place names.

Vos, Howard F., and Pfeiffer, Charles F., ed. Wycliffe Historical Geography of Bible Lands. Moody, 581 p., $23.95.
Examines and evaluates the available biblical, historical, and archaeological evidence about all ten Bible lands. Contains 450 illustrations, 50 maps.

Blaiklock, E. M., ed. The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Atlas. Zondervan, 524 p., $19.95.
Follows the biblical narrative with special attention to geographical and archaeological aspects. 220 photos and more than 80 maps. Indexes include: Scripture references, persons, places, and subjects. Bibliographies.

BIBLE COMMENTARIES

A Bible commentary provides explanation and interpretation of the Scriptures. Its comments are arranged in the same order as the Bible books, chapters and verses.

A commentary may be the work of one person or a group of people. It may cover only one Bible book or the entire Bible. It may be extensive or very brief. The notes and observations it provides may be intended for a variety of purposes. They may encourage the reader in the practical aspects of living out his faith. They may clarify difficult passages and suggest interpretations that may have been overlooked. They may provide historical, archaeological, theological, linguistic or other information of which the reader is unaware.

Commentaries often contain introductory notes, outlines, and background information on the biblical books. They may also include cross-references, bibliographies and indexes.

What is true of most reference works is especially true of commentaries -- it is always wise to consult more than one. The writers of commentaries bring to their work various fields of expertise and theological biases. No one commentator should be thought to have exhaustive understanding or perfect interpretation of the scriptures.

Whole Bible

Earle, Ralph, ed. Beacon Bible Commentary. Beacon Hill, 10 volumes, 6355 p., $125.00.
Insights from 40 Bible scholars, with in-depth explanations of scripture, critical analysis of key words and phrases, and outlines for expository preaching. Based on KJV.

Bible Student's Commentary. Zondervan, 7 volumes available, 3120 p., $139.65.
A translation of the Korte Verklaring, a series of commentaries on the entire Bible that represents the best in conservative, continental Reformed scholarship.

Cook, F.C., ed. The Bible Commentary. Baker, 10 volumes, $195.00.
Offers both critical and exegetical commentary on the entire Bible.

Henry, Carl F.H., ed. The Biblical Expositor. Baker, 3 volumes, $99.90.
General and introductory essays and expositions for each book of the Bible. Written by 66 leading evangelical scholars.

Allen, Clifton J., ed. The Broadman Bible Commentary. Broadman, 12 volumes, $195.00.
Rewarding volumes interpreting God's Word for deeper meaning and Christian witness.

Calvin, John. Calvin's Commentaries. Baker, 22 volumes, $495.00.
A classical commentary on the Old and New Testaments, complete and unabridged. Written in a clear, lucid style, it combines a profound reverence for the Bible and a rare objectivity in its exegesis.

Clarke, Adam. Clarke's Commentary. Abingdon, 1977, 3 volumes, 5468 p., $95.00.
The product of forty years of labor by a specialist in church history, Oriental languages, the classics, and natural science. Commissioned as a Methodist preacher by John Wesley, he was three times elected President of the British Conference.

Henry, Matthew and Scott, Thomas. Commentary on the Holy Bible. Thomas Nelson, 3 volumes, $59.95.
Set includes the best of Matthew Henry's twelve volume commentary and Thomas Scott's "Holy Bible with Notes." Cross-referenced. Includes charts and tables.

Also published by:
Moody, 1024 p., $25.95. Pb, $12.95 (Matthew Henry- Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible)

Jamieson, Robert; Fausset, Andrew R.; and Brown, David. A Commentary on the Old and New Testaments. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 3 volumes, 4000 p., $75.00.
Scholarly and evangelical. Covers every chapter of every book of the Bible, providing the complete text of the KJV accompanied by extensive commentary relying on substantive historical, linguistic, and theological research. In addition, each book of the Bible is given a thorough introduction.

Roehrs, W. and Franzmann, M. Concordia Self-Study Commentary. Concordia, 950 p., $21.95.
Includes concise introductions to each book and thorough scriptural cross references.

Cundall, Arthur E., ed. Daily Devotional Bible Commentary. Broadman, 4 volumes, $39.95.
Includes introductory articles, maps, diagrams, charts, and photographs. Nontechnical.

Everyman's Bible Commentaries. Moody, 50 volumes, pb, $297.50.
Designed for laymen. Introductory information, doctrinal themes, problem passages, and practical applications are examined.

Meyer, F.B. F.B.Meyer Bible Commentary. Tyndale, $15.95.
Meyer focuses each discussion upon the central meaning of each passage and its application to daily needs. Designed for daily reading and study.

Gaebelein, Arno C. Gaebelein's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible. Loizeaux, 1985, 1237 p., $29.95.
First published as The Annotated Bible, this edition features, for every book of scripture: general introductory notes, destructive critics answered, traditional authorship defended, thorough outline of the text, practical exposition, emphasis on the dispensational, typological, and prophetic aspects of the text.

Gray, James M. Home Bible Study Commentary. Kregel, pb, 447 p., $12.95.
Each exposition is followed by helpful comments and pertinent questions to reinforce the material covered. Formerly published as Christian Workers Commentary.

Bruce, F.F., ed. The International Bible Commentary. Zondervan, 1986, 1648 p., $24.95.
Twenty-eight introductory articles and twenty-nine maps. The forty-three contributors maintain an objective attitude in their treatment of controversial passages. Originally published under the title The New Layman's Commentary.

Mays, James L.; Miller, Patrick D.; and Achtemeier, Paul J., eds. Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching. John Knox, 8 volumes available, $140.60.

Bridges the gap between critical and expository commentaries. Scripture is interpreted in light of concerns appropriate to proclamation, nurture and devotion.

Buttrick, George A., ed. The Interpreter's Bible. Abingdon, 1980, 12 volumes, $225.00.

Features a double text (KJV and RSV), helpful introductions to each book, informative articles, full-color maps, and more.

Laymon, Charles M., ed. The Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary on the Bible. Abingdon, 1971, 1424 p., $24.95. Thumb-indexed ed., $28.95.

Commentary on the books of the Old and New Testament and Apocrypha; sixteen pages of full-color Oxford maps; 140 photos; 32 line drawings and maps; special reader helps on biblical chronology, measures, and money; and indexes of scriptural references and subjects.

Ironside, Henry Allan. The Ironside Collection. Loizeaux, 1986, 22 volumes, $205.00.

Born of a fruitful pulpit ministry, these expositions offer clear interpretation and practical application of scriptural principles.

Kretzmann, P. Kretzmann's Popular Commentary of the Bible. Concordia, 4 volumes, 2872 p., $70.95.

Clear, understandable interpretations of Bible passages.

Layman's Bible Commentary. John Knox, 25 volumes, 4000 p., pb, $115.00.

Every passage of scripture is explained without the use of technical words and phrases.

Layman's Bible Book Commentary. Broadman, 24 volumes, $129.95.

Designed to give a thorough, and easily understood exposition of each book of the Bible.

Henry, Matthew. Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible. Hendrickson, 6 volumes, 7152 p., $79.95.

This commentary has been heralded as "the greatest devotional commentary ever written". Henry began his work in 1701 and wrote over 7,000 pages of warm, spiritual, detailed exposition.

Also published by:
Zondervan, 1 volume, 1986 p., $27.95.
Fleming H. Revell, 6 volumes, 7100 p., $74.95 (A Commentary on the Whole Bible)

Poole, Matthew. Matthew Poole's Commentary on the Holy Bible. Hendrickson, 3 volumes, 3104 p., $59.95.

The only 17th century commentary on the whole Bible to remain in extensive use.

Guthrie, Donald, et al., eds. The New Bible Commentary. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1310 p., $24.95

Distinctively evangelical. Based on the RSV. Includes introductions, outlines, and section-by-section commentary. Includes maps and tables.

Fuller, Reginald; Johnston, Leonard; and Kearns, Conleth, eds. A New Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture. Thomas Nelson, 1969, 1363 p., $34.95.

Extensively cross-referenced, supplemented with maps, and painstakingly indexed. A recent revision with insights gained from new archaeological discoveries.

Clements, Ronald E. and Black, Matthew, eds. The New Century Bible Commentary. Wm. B. Eerdmans, pb, 29 volumes available, 8743 p., $237.55.

In paperback for the first time. Some volumes have been revised; others rewritten. Each volume begins with an introduction discussing structure, historical background, setting, contents, and themes. This is followed by commentary based on the RSV. Includes detailed bibliographies and indexes.

Howley, G.C.D.; Bruce, F.F.; and Ellison, H.L., eds. The New Layman's Bible Commentary in One Volume. Zondervan, 1712 p., $27.95.

Forty-three scholars from a variety of denominations have contributed to this new one-volume commentary. It includes 28 introductory articles, 29 maps and a paragraph-by-paragraph commentary which provides a single, up-to-date exposition of scripture. A bibliography is included with each book.

Black, Matthew and Rowley, H.H., eds. Peake's Commentary on the Bible. Thomas Nelson, $39.95.

Latest biblical scholarship by 62 noted contributors from every branch of the Protestant church in Europe and America. Index, bibliographies, full-color maps.

Paschall, H. Franklin and Hobbs, Herschel H., eds. The Teacher's Bible Commentary. Broadman, $24.95.

Brief, summary writings which focus on the main idea of scripture passages. Difficult passages are dealt with in depth. An abundance of supplementary information on the geography, archaeology, and history of Bible lands.

Carter, Charles W., ed. The Wesleyan Bible Commentary. Hendrickson, 1986, 6 volumes, 4484 p., $149.50.

The aim of the WBC is to maintain both the spiritual insight and sound biblical scholarship of John Wesley and Adam Clarke, but to express these characteristics in the context of contemporary thought and life.

Harrison, Everett F. and Pfeiffer, Charles F., eds. The Wycliffe Bible Commentary. Moody, 1525 p., $29.95.

Treats the entire Bible phrase by phrase. In addition, major sections of each book are summarized, providing the reader with both an overview and detailed discussion.

Old Testament

Henry, Matthew; Clarke, Adam; and Jamieson, Fausset and Brown. The Bethany Parallel Commentary on the Old Testament. Bethany, 1985, 1983 p., $49.95.

A parallel presentation of three of the most widely respected commentaries.

Walvoord, John F. and Zuck, Roy B. The Bible Knowledge Commentary-Old Testament. Scripture Press, 1985, 1589 p., $29.95.

A clear exposition of the 39 books of the Old Testament. Includes an Outline, Commentary, Bibliography, and much more. Based on NIV.

Keil, C.F. and Delitzch, F. Commentary on the Old Testament. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1986, 10 volumes, 11507 p., $225.00.

The exegetical material of this series is introduced by an examination of the nature and format of the Old Testament, including discussions of the historical and literary aspects of the text, as well as grammatical and philological analyses. Each OT book is given a thorough introduction.

Gibson, John C.L., ed. The Daily Study Bible-Old Testament. Westminster, 24 volumes, $350.80. Pb, $191.84.

Each volume is divided into small units suited for both devotional reading and serious Bible study. These volumes combine the depth of scholarship, and critical honesty, and the grace of style that characterize William Barclay's Daily Study Bible-New Testament.

Harrison, R.K., ed. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 7 volumes available, 3388 p., $145.65.

Each volume in the series contains an introduction in which matters of date, authorship, historical setting, state of text, unity of composition, and theology of the book are discussed. The main text is predominantly expository and includes structural analysis, a select bibliography, and the author's own translation from the Hebrew.

Wiseman, D.J. Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. InterVarsity, 4251 p., $209.95. Pb, $109.95.

A passage-by-passage exegesis. While undue technicalities are avoided, major critical questions are discussed in the introductions and, where necessary, in additional notes along with issues of date, authorship, style, structure and historical background.

Unger, Merrill F. Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament. Moody, 2 volumes, 3222 p., $43.95.

A complete, book-by-book, section-by-section commentary on the Old Testament with introductory and background material.

New Testament

Barnes, Albert. Barnes' Notes on the New Testament. Kregel, 1962, 1776 p., $39.95.

A complete, unabridged, verse-by-verse commentary on the entire New Testament.

Henry, Matthew; Clarke, Adam; and Jamieson, Fausset and Brown. The Bethany Parallel Commentary on the New Testament. Bethany House, 1984, 1499 p., $39.95.

A parallel presentation of three of the most widely respected commentaries.

Walvoord, John F. and Zuck, Roy B. The Bible Knowledge Commentary-New Testament. Scripture Press, $22.95.

An exposition of the New Testament with a verse-by-verse analysis, based on the NIV. Explains problem passages, alleged discrepancies. Includes maps, charts, diagrams. Many cross references.

Torrance, David W. and Torrance, Thomas F., eds. Calvin's New Testament Commentaries. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 12 volumes, $131.40.

A preacher's commentary in the best sense of the word, these classic volumes laid the basis for all later scholarly exegesis of the Bible and are today as modern as ever in their honest, careful handling of the text and in the relevance of their expositions to our deep religious and human needs.

Lenski, R.C.H. Commentary on the New Testament. Augsburg, 12 volumes, 11894 p., $235.00.

One of the most exhaustive commentaries on the New Testament, this series is based on the best exegetical research and comparison of other commentaries.

Barclay, William. The Daily Study Bible-New Testament. Westminster, 18 volumes, $221.00. Pb, $115.00.

Barclay translates the message in a manner that communicates directly to the reader, and then adds his own historical, literary, and practical comments to provide brief passages that can be read and understood in only a few minutes a day.

Wesley, John. Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament. Beacon Hill, 2 volumes, $19.95.

A reprint of Wesley's Notes upon the New Testament.

Gaebelein, Frank E., ed. The Expositor's Bible Commentary (New Testament). Zondervan, 5 volumes, $107.75.

Based on the NIV, up-to-date in its discussion of theological and critical issues, and thoroughly evangelical in its viewpoint.

MacArthur, John, Jr. The MacArthur New Testament Commentary. Moody, 5 volumes available, $72.75.

Weaving rich illustrations and perceptions with careful exegesis, MacArthur explores the practical application of the New testament in a clear, simple style.

Bruce, F.F., ed. The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 15 volumes available, 6995 p., $254.25.

The NICNT is designed to provide a commentary that is thorough and abreast of modern archaeological and linguistic scholarship yet faithful to the scriptures as the infallible Word of God. Significant textual problems are evaluated, and the most important exegetical literature is taken into account.

Bengel, John Albert. New Testament Commentary. Kregel, 2 volumes, 1910 p., $59.95.

Spurgeon writes that this work "condenses more matter into a line than can be extracted from pages of other writers". Through a careful exegesis of the original manuscript, Bengel indicates the full force and meaning of the words and sentences of the entire New Testament.

Meyer, Heinrich A.W. New Testament Commentary. Hendrickson, 11 volumes, 7050 p., $250.

Meyer lived from 1800-1873 and was a German Lutheran. This work is entirely critical and grammatical, with a rare combination of exposition. Each chapter is prefaced by a lucid statement of the evidence for and against the various readings of the original text, and the exegesis which follows keeps closely to the grammatical and philological presentation of the sacred writer's thought.

Tasker, R.V.G., ed. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Wm.B. Eerdmans, pb, 20 volumes, 4658 p., $110.

Popularly-written paperback commentaries. Exegetical in nature; primarily concerned to arrive at the full and clear meaning of the biblical text. Critical questions such as date and authorship are concisely handled in introductory sections and in extensive additional notes.

BIBLE CONCORDANCES

A concordance is an alphabetical listing of words in a particular text with reference to the passages in which they occur. Concordances have been made for several of the more popular versions of the Bible.

Depending upon the extent of the work, a concordance may list every single word in the text every time it is used, or it may be more selective. An exhaustive concordance lists even such words as "a", "an", and "the" in an appendix.

In the concordance the words of the text are in boldface type. Listed under each word are the Bible passages which contain the word, and the phrase in which it appears. Sometimes the pronunciation of the word is included as well as a brief definition. Cross-references to similar words may be given.

Some concordances provide numbers next to each occurrence of the word, which refer the reader to an appendix where the original language words and their definitions are given. This not only allows the English reader to know more about the words, but it also lets him see at a glance how many different original words were translated into the one English word he is studying, and where else the same original word was translated as it was in the verse he is studying.

Morrison, Clinton. An Analytical Concordance to the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Westminster, 1977, 800 p., $45.

Analyzes both the English of the RSV NT and the original Greek words being translated. A complete index-lexicon follows the concordance proper.

Bagster, Samuel. Bagster's Keyword Concordance. Revell, 1983, 96 p., $5.95.

Contains an alphabetical listing of some 28,000 entries which are commonly used by pastors, teachers and students.

Cook, Madison Dale. Biographical Concordance of the New Testament. Loizeaux, pb, 216 p., $8.95.

Every individual in the NT is listed along with pronunciation and meaning of the name, a biographical sketch, and every NT reference to the individual in concordance-style arrangement.

The Complete Concordance to the Bible: New King James Version. Nelson, $18.95. Thumb-indexed, $22.95.

Computer-generated concordance contains the entire vocabulary of the NKJV--over 13,000 words--and 270,000 references, including cross-referenced words set within brackets to direct the reader to other words in a similar word family. Alphabetical word list.

Robinson, David. Concordance to the Good News Bible: Today's English Version. Nelson, $24.95.

References both words and meanings, enabling this concordance to be used with any modern-language translation; theological words from KJV cross-referenced. Over 250,000 entries; thematic index; concordance of Biblical names.

Cruden, Alexander. Cruden's Unabridged Concordance. Broadman, $17.95.

Includes a concordance of every important word in the scriptures, a concordance to the books called Apocrypha, a concordance to the proper names of the Old and New Testaments, a list of the names given to Jesus Christ and to the church of God and an outline of the entire Bible.

Also published by:
Hendrickson, 1968, 796 p., $13.95 (Cruden's Complete Concordance)
Zondervan, 803 p., $13.95. Pb, $6.95 (Cruden's Complete Concordance)

Cruden, Alexander. Cruden's Compact Concordance. Zondervan, 563 p., $8.95.

Lists words and phrases from the KJV without all of the detail of the larger "Complete Concordance".

Also published by:
Zondervan, pb, 253 p., $2.95 (Cruden's Handy Concordance)
Revell, pb, 352 p., $3.95 (Cruden's Concordance)

Whitaker, Richard E., compiler. Eerdmans' Analytical Concordance to the Revised Standard Version. Eerdmans, 1986, 1488 p., $49.95.

An analytical concordance to the RSV. Original-language words are numbered and listed at the head of each entry. All forms of a word are found under the same heading. Words not needed by most users of a concordance have been excluded, making access to significant words easier. Indexes of Greek and Hebrew words appear at the end of the volume.

Wigram, George V. The Englishman's Hebrew and Chaldee Concordance of the Old Testament. Zondervan, 1763 p., $49.95.

Lists Hebrew and Chaldee (Aramaic) words of the OT with their KJV translation and contexts. English, Hebrew, and Chaldee words are all thoroughly cross-referenced in the indexes.

Also published by:
Broadman, pb, $35.95
Baker, pb, $34.95.

Wigram, George V. The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament. Zondervan, 1091 p., $35.95.

Lists Greek words of the NT with their KJV translation and contexts. Includes thoroughly cross-referenced English and Greek indexes.

Also published by:
Broadman, pb, $29.95
Baker, pb, $29.95.

Smith, J.B. Greek-English Concordance. Herald Press, 1955, 430 p., $24.95.

Tabular and statistical Greek-English concordance based on the KJV with an English-to-Greek index. The tabular arrangement enables the reader to see at a glance the whole range of rendering of any given Greek word.

Hartdegen, Stephen J., ed. Nelson's Complete Concordance of the New American Bible. Nelson, $44.95.

The first Roman Catholic concordance produced from the modern-language New American Bible. Contains over 300,000 entries.

Nelson's Complete Concordance of the Revised Standard Version. 2nd edition. Nelson, 2000 p., $29.95.

Bible readers will find over 310,000 references from the RSV, second edition, in this one volume.

Goodrick, Edward W. and Kohlenberger, John R. The NIV Complete Concordance. Zondervan, 1044 p., $19.95.

Lists words in the NIV, with a brief context and reference for every occurrence. About 250,000 references are given, covering over 12,800 words from the NIV.

Goodrick, Edward W. and Kohlenberger, John R. The NIV Handy Concordance. Zondervan, pb, 384 p., $4.95.

A condensation of The NIV Complete Concordance.

Strong, James. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible. Abingdon, 1980, 1808 p., $23.95. Thumb-indexed, $28.95.

Includes the main concordance, which lists every word in the Bible alphabetically and every place where the word appears; appendix to the main concordance; dictionaries of Hebrew, Chaldee, and Greek; and prefaces that explain the use of each section. Also, Abingdon's singular "Key-Word Comparison", which permits swift comparison of principle words and phrases of the KJV with the NASB, NEB, NIV, JB, and the RSV.

Also published by:
Hendrickson, 1552 p., $20.95.
Baker, $17.95. Pb, $13.95.

Strong, James. The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible. Nelson, $24.95. Thumb-indexed, $28.95. Popular edition, $10.95.
Easy-to-read, up-dated "Strong's". Includes modern typeface, key-verse comparison chart, and more.

Metzger, Bruce M. and Metzger, Isobel M. The Oxford Concise Concordance to the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. Oxford, 1962, 158p., $7.95.

Walker, J.B.R. Walker's Comprehensive Bible Concordance. Kregel, pb, 968 p., $14.95.
Completely alphabetical with 50,000 more references than appear in Cruden's Concordance.

Young, Robert. Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible. Eerdmans, 1240 p., $19.95. Thumb-indexed, $22.95. Pb, $14.95.
Contains 311,000 references, 30,000 readings, and 70,000 Greek and Hebrew words. It also includes separate index-lexicons to both the Old and New Testaments and a complete list of scripture proper names, as well as a special essay on the canon of scripture.

Also published by:
Hendrickson, 1216 p., $18.95 (The brief lexical sections in the back of the book have been omitted in this edition).

BIBLE DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

A Bible Dictionary or Encyclopedia contains alphabetically arranged articles about Bible-related subjects. It includes information on the people, places, events, things and concepts mentioned in the Bible or having to do with the Bible. An article may include the definition, pronunciation, and background of a word or concept as well as where and how it is used in the Bible. It may include maps, charts, pictures, tables and outlines. It may be a short paragraph or a lengthy essay with a bibliography.

C Matthews, Velda and Beard, Ray. Basic Bible Dictionary. Standard, $7.95.
Two-column format with guide words and pronunciation guide, in easy-to-read type. Colored illustrations, line drawings, and reference maps and charts.

C McElrath, William N. A Bible Dictionary for Young Readers. Broadman, $9.95.
Hard-to-understand words are defined to make Bible reading more interesting. Facts about people, customs, history, and geography of Bible times are also included. Grades 4 to 6.

C Companion Dictionary of the Bible. Concordia, pb, 192 p., $5.95.
A handy reference for easily understanding explanations of common questions concerning biblical terms.

Lueker, E.L. Concordia Bible Dictionary. Concordia, pb, 152 p., $4.95.
Over 63,000 concise biblical and apocryphal definitions.

Davis, John J. Davis Dictionary of the Bible. 4th ed. Baker, 888 p., $24.95.
More than 300 photos and illustrations and 19 pages of colored maps.

Gentz, William H., ed. The Dictionary of Bible and Religion. Abingdon, 1986, 1152 p., $25.95.

This ecumenically-oriented, expanded Bible dictionary provides both a dictionary of the Bible and coverage of related religious information: contemporary religion, the history of Christianity, systematic theology, and world religions.

Truesdale, Albert, and Lyons, George, eds. A Dictionary of the Bible and Christian Doctrine in Everyday English. Beacon Hill, pb, 355 p., $14.95.

Uses a 2,500-word vocabulary, with the English-as-second-language reader in mind. Includes nearly 1,200 items and 14 pages of maps and charts.

C Alexander, Pat, ed. Eerdman's Family Encyclopedia of the Bible. Eerdmans, 1978, 328 p., $18.95.

Up-to-date information on the setting, the events, and the people of biblical times. Over 500 photographs and drawings--most in color--complement the text.

Barton, Payne J. Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy: A Complete Guide to Scriptural Predictions and Their Fulfillment. Baker, pb, $18.95.

Provides a systematic analysis of biblical prophecy and a discussion of every predictive prophecy in each biblical book.

Peloubet, F.N. The Everyday Bible Dictionary. Zondervan, 816 p., $14.95. Pb, $9.95.

Includes more than 500 line drawings and photos, appendices which summarize Bible history, tables of weights and measures, and maps.

Barker, William P. Everyone in the Bible. Revell, 384 p., $15.95.

A biographical account of every person in the Bible. Cross-referenced in case of spelling variations or multiple nomenclature.

Tenney, Merrill C., and Cruden, Alexander. The Handy Bible Dictionary and Concordance. Zondervan, pb, 512 p., $3.95.

A specially combined one volume edition of The Handy Bible Dictionary and Cruden's Handy Concordance. Concise entries focus on key words and topics. Easy to read type.

Achtemeier, Paul J. ed. Harper's Bible Dictionary. Harper, 1200 p., $27.50. Thumb-indexed, $29.95.

Includes 3700 entries, outlines of Bible books, over 500 photographs, 16 pages of colored maps, drawings, charts, tables, pronunciation guide.

The Illustrated Bible Dictionary. Tyndale, 3 vols., $99.95.

This illustrated edition of the New Bible Dictionary includes 2,150 entries, 1,800 photographs, colored relief maps.

Wigoder, Geoffrey, ed. The Illustrated Dictionary and Concordance of the Bible. Macmillan, 1986, 896 p., $100.00.

Explains the significance of every person, place, ritual, animal, plant, artifact, and major concept in the Bible. Includes 1,800 full-color photographs.

Bromily, Geoffrey W., gen. ed. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia. Fully revised. Eerdmans, 1979, 3 out of 4 projected volumes, 3271 p., $112.50.

Includes articles on every name of a person or place mentioned in the Bible, as well as all other terms in the Bible that have theological or ethical meaning.

Buttrick, George A., ed. The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. Abingdon, 5 volumes, $112.00.

Every person, place and object in the Bible is defined in this work. Contemporary Bible studies and archaeological discoveries are discussed and full-length articles elucidate Bible

books, the Apocrypha, and other manuscripts. Includes illustrations, colored photos, maps, pronunciation guides and bibliographies.

Bruce, F.F., ed.; Cundall, Arthur, ed.; Mellor, Rosemary, ed.; and Rowe, Arthur, ed. Nelson's Bible Encyclopedia for the Family. Thomas Nelson, $19.95.
Combines clear, readable style and hundreds of full-color illustrations.

Douglas, J.D., ed. New Bible Dictionary. 2nd ed. Tyndale, 1326 p., $24.95.
Includes 7,000 entries covering Bible books, people, key words, major doctrines; background information on history, geography and customs of Israel; new evidence resulting from recent advances in the field of archaeology.

Bryant, Alton, ed. The New Compact Bible Dictionary. Zondervan, 640p., $8.95. Pb, $4.95.
Concise definitions of people, places, objects, events, flora, and fauna of the Bible.

Gehman, Henry Snyder. The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible. Westminster, 1064 p., $22.95. Thumb-indexed, $25.95.
This revised work includes over 5000 entries representing the latest in Near Eastern history and archaeology. Contains 16 pages of colored historical maps.

Smith, William. Smith's Bible Dictionary. Revell, pb, 800 p., $4.95.
Every subject, person, place and event mentioned in the Bible identified and defined.

Also published by:
Thomas Nelson, $8.95. Pb, $5.95 (Revised by F.N. and M.A. Peloubet)
Hendrickson, 912 p., $10.95. (Includes an additional 4,000 question and answer section.)

Bryant, T.A. Today's Dictionary of the Bible. Bethany House, 1982, 694 p., $15.95.
Compiled expressly for lay people, families, and students.

Unger, Merrill F. Unger's Bible Dictionary. Moody, 1200 p., $22.95. Pb, $13.95.
Includes articles in archaeology, geography, chronology, and other relevant information for biblical background and study.

Pfeiffer, Charles F., ed.; Rae, John, ed.; Vos, Howard F., ed. Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia. Moody, 2 vol., 1851 p., $49.95.
This encyclopedia provides balance between completeness and conciseness, with discussions on every biblical proper name and place, along with theology and biblical background.

Wilson, Walter L. Wilson's Dictionary of Bible Types. Eerdmans, pb, 519 p., $10.95.
A compendium of over 4700 Bible types, signs, and symbols with brief explanations of their meaning and spiritual significance.

Young, G. Douglas, ed. Young's Bible Dictionary. Tyndale, 1984, 640 p., $14.95.
Designed for evangelical laymen. Based on the NIV.

Tenney, Merrill C. The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary. Zondervan, 940 p., $21.95.
More than 5,000 entries discuss biographical, chronological, geographical, historical, and theological aspects of the Bible. Includes 700 pictures and maps.

Tenney, Merrill C., ed. The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible. Zondervan, 5 volumes, 5000 p., $119.95.
Over 240 contributors provide invaluable insight into the archaeological, cultural, textual, theological, literary, and historical backgrounds of the entire Bible. Includes over 1,500 photographs and illustrations and nearly 300 maps. Cross-referenced.

BIBLE HANDBOOKS

Bible handbooks are brief manuals full of practical information intended for the average Bible reader who does not have other reference sources readily available. A handbook will include concise, easy-to-locate information in the form of charts, pictures, tables, maps, lists, and commentary. All of the information found in a handbook may be found in more detail in other reference books.

Blair, Edward P. Abingdon Bible Handbook. Abingdon Press, 1975, pb, 528 p., $21.95.
Covers the formation of both Testaments and contains a history of the Bible; includes a survey of the contents, author, sources, and historical background of each book of the Bible, including the Apocrypha.

Collett, Sidney. All About the Bible: A Popular Handbook. Fleming H. Revell, 324 p., $11.95.
The Bible's origin, language, translation, canon, symbols, inspiration, plan, and science, plus alleged errors, contradictions, and rivals.

Bagster, Samuel. Bagster's Bible Handbook. Fleming H. Revell, 264 p., $9.95.
This reference book provides a wealth of information about the Bible's history, canon, original languages, and much more.

The Bible Companion. Abingdon Press, 1985, 480 p., $17.95.
This composite volume consists of four major parts: William Barclay's popular Introducing the Bible, an examination of the evolution of both Old and New Testaments, and how each might be studied; a cross-referenced dictionary of the Bible, listing more than 1300 definitions of people, places, events, and animals of the biblical world; a concordance to the NIV; and helps for Bible study.

C McElrath, William N. Bible Guidebook. Broadman, $9.95.
Designed to help children become better acquainted with the Bible. Topics include: What the Bible is, How to read the Bible, How to use Bible helps, When the Bible events happened, What the Bible books are, Where to find interesting parts of the Bible, and How the Bible came to us.

Packer, James I.; Tenney, Merrill C.; and White, William, Jr., eds. The Bible Almanac. Thomas Nelson, $16.95.
Lay person's guide to the people and cultures of Bible times. Maps, diagrams, full-color and black and white photographs, thorough index, forty-six major articles.

Blaiklock, E.M. Blaiklock's Handbook to the Bible. Fleming H. Revell, pb, 256 p., $6.95.
A lively, informative, one-volume introduction that provides the historical, archaeological, geographical, and literary understanding needed for a fuller appreciation of God's Word.

Alexander, David and Pat, eds. Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible. Revised edition. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1973, 680 p., $24.95.
Offers answers to almost every imaginable question about biblical times and places. Hundreds of full-color photographs, as well as a variety of original graphic charts, diagrams, and maps, complement the text.

Halley, H.H. Halley's Bible Handbook. Zondervan Publishing House, 1965, 864 p., $8.95. Large print, $17.95. Pb, large print, $12.95.
This compact work includes a concise Bible commentary, important discoveries in archaeology, related historical data, church history, maps, and much more. Indexed.

Turner, Nicholas. Handbook for Biblical Studies. Westminster Press, 1982, pb, 156 p., $6.95.

C Richards, Lawrence O. International Children's Bible Handbook. Sweet, 224 p., $13.95.
Covers the Bible in chronological order. Discusses Christian evidences, geography, archaeology, customs, spiritual truths, and character sketches. Full-color photos, illustrations, charts and maps. Includes dictionary/index.

Unger, Merrill F.; Revised by Gary N. Larson. The New Unger's Bible Handbook. Moody Press, 720 p., $24.95.
In this new edition the text has been revised and hundreds of color pictures and illustrations added.

Elwell, Walter A., ed. The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook. Harold Shaw Publishers, 400 p., $9.95.
Contains over 160 photos, maps, and charts along with Bible book summaries, biblical culture and archaeology, the life and teachings of Jesus, an exhaustive index and much more.

Unger, Merrill F. Unger's Bible Handbook. Moody Press, 930 p., $9.95.
A treasury of biblical truth, a companion to Bible study, an encyclopedia of information, and a comprehensive guide to understanding the scriptures.

Beers, V. Gilbert. The Victor Handbook of Bible Knowledge. Scripture Press, 1981, 640 p., $19.95.
A complete Bible handbook that answers your questions on 300 Bible stories. More than 1,300 colorful illustrations.

Willmington, H.L. Willmington's Guide to the Bible. Tyndale House, $29.95.
Eight Bible reference volumes in one, including an archaeological handbook, theological manual, and an illustrated Bible encyclopedia.

The Word Bible Handbook. Word Publishing, $9.95.
Every book in the Bible receives a survey and outline. Scores of important themes in the Bible are covered, including some tough issues often neglected. Abounds with photographs, maps, and helpful charts.

BIBLE HARMONIES

A harmony is a comparison of parallel passages. It may simply list the passages side by side or it may include notes and commentary to show their agreement and explain their differences.

A harmony is an aid to assembling and understanding all of the material on a certain event which may be contained in more than one book or place in a book. Tables, charts, and maps may be included to help the reader see the overall picture of the events being studied. Specific passages and their counterparts may be located easily through the index.

Throckmorton, Burton H., Jr. Gospel Parallels. 2nd ed. Thomas Nelson, 1979, 191 p., $9.95.

Side-by-side comparison of first three gospel accounts, printed in parallel columns. Uses RSV. Recently revised and enlarged.

Robertson, A.T. Harmony of the Gospels. Harper and Row, 1950, 305 p., $12.45.

Boettner, Loraine. A Harmony of the Gospels. Presbyterian and Reformed, pb, 138 p., $3.95.

Weaves together the material of the gospels into a continuous account, trying to be accurate chronologically. Gives places, dates.

Goodwin, Frank J. A Harmony of the Life of St. Paul: According to the Acts of the Apostles and the Pauline Epistles. Baker, 1951, pb, 240 p., $8.95.

A handbook giving a continuous account of Paul's life.

Carter, John F. A Layman's Harmony of the Gospels. Broadman, $12.95.

This book looks closely at the public ministry of Jesus. It outlines seven periods in his life and arranges events in the order of occurrence. Historical, religious, and social background information is contained in the introduction. Uses ASV.

Cheney, Johnston M. The Life of Christ in Stereo. Multnomah, pb, $6.95.

"Ever-unfolding consistency of the four gospels," "ever-heightening evidence of a divine hand guiding the writers". Based on twenty-year research effort. Deals with apparent discrepancies.

Wieand, Albert Cassel. A New Harmony of the Gospels. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 268 p., $15.95.

This harmony is coordinated by analytical outline, contains sketch maps, index and footnotes, and is arranged in parallel columns throughout. Based on RSV.

Newsome, James D., Jr., ed. A Synoptic Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles: With Related Passages from Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezra. Baker, 1986, 272 p., $16.95.

This volume contains the complete texts of 2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, and 1-2 Chronicles, divided into pericopes. A pericope occurring in both Samuel/Kings and Chronicles is placed in parallel columns. When a pericope is paralleled in a psalm, Isaiah, Jeremiah, or Ezra, this material, too, appears in an adjacent column. Uses RSV.

BIBLE HISTORIES AND BACKGROUND STUDIES

Histories and background studies provide the information needed to understand the context of biblical events. They help the modern reader to picture life in the ancient world and to understand how the manners and customs of that time differ from those of the present. They may be arranged in dictionary format, by geographical area, chronologically, or topically.

Baez-Camargo, Gonzalo. Archaeological Commentary on the Bible. Doubleday, 1984, $17.95.

Confirms and explains our religious heritage.

Unger, Merrill F. Archaeology and the New Testament. Zondervan, 353 p., $13.95.

Examines archaeological data related to the NT era. Illustrated and indexed. Bibliographies.

Unger, Merrill F. Archaeology and the Old Testament. Zondervan, 352 p., $13.95.

Examines archaeological finds related to the Old Testament period. Stresses the Bible's reliability. Illustrated and indexed.

Negev, Avraham, ed. The Archaeological Encyclopedia of the Holy Land. Revised ed. Thomas Nelson, 1986, 418 p., $24.95.

Contains over 600 articles and 300 illustrations including 32 pages of color photographs. Negev provides a commentary on the Bible as well as a guide to the most recent research in archaeology, ethnography, and economics of the biblical era.

Fairweather, William. Background of the Gospels. Klock and Klock, 486 p., $17.00.

Traces historically and religiously the interval beginning with the Maccabaean revolt and ending with the destruction of Jerusalem.

Fairweather, William. Background of the Epistles. Klock and Klock, 427 p., $16.50.

Lends insight into the customs, religion, philosophy, and government which provided the backdrop for the penning of the epistles.

Thompson, J.A. The Bible and Archaeology. Revised, 3rd ed. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 474 p., $18.95.

A concise summary of archaeological information as it pertains to the OT, pre-Christian times and the NT. Charts, tables, outlines, bibliography, indexes.

Mackie, George M. Bible Manners and Customs. Fleming H. Revell, 176 p., $9.95. Pb, $6.95.

A study of the mores and folkways of the people in the Bible.

Callaway, Joseph A. and Adams, J. McKee. Biblical Backgrounds. Revised ed. Broadman, $14.95.

A complete survey of Bible geography and history which provides the setting for the major events of the Bible.

Pfeiffer, Charles F., ed. The Biblical World: A Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology. Baker, $18.95.

House, H. Wayne. Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament. Zondervan, pb, 160 p., $10.95.

Illustrates all aspects of the chronological and historical background of the NT. Covers such topics as weights and measures, social structures, theories of the history of the text, history of Palestine and Rome.

Walton, John H. Chronological Charts of the Old Testament. Zondervan, pb, 80 p., $6.95.

Charts compare various aspects of the OT and the ancient world. Arranges and organizes: chronologies of kings, prophets, etc.; battles; types of sacrifices; types of psalmody. Bibliography.

C Frank, Harry Thomas. Discovering the Biblical World. Hammond, 228 p., $19.95. Pb, $12.95.

The illustrated story of the people, archaeology, history, and landscape of the Bible world. Includes 50 maps, 245 photos and a detailed Time Chart.

Lamsa, George M. Gospel Light. Harper & Row, 1986, pb, 416 p., $12.95.

Lamsa, who was raised speaking Aramaic and living according to customs largely unchanged since the time of Christ, elucidates idioms, metaphors, and figures of speech in the four Gospels and provides clear explanations of their meaning in the Biblical text.

C Teringo, J. Robert. The Land and People Jesus Knew. Bethany House, 1985, 263 p., $24.95.

A handbook of first-century Israel. Nearly 250 line drawings with accompanying explanatory text captures the details of daily life in Jesus's day.

Ludwig, Charles. Ludwig's Handbook of New Testament Rulers and Cities. Accent, 1983, 243 p., $6.95.

Harrison, R.K. ed. Major Cities of the Biblical World. Thomas Nelson, $15.95.

Scholars discuss 33 major cities that flourished in the biblical world. Includes 100 photos and maps.

Blaiklock, E.M. and Harrison, R.K., eds. The New International Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology. Zondervan, 492 p., $24.95.

Presentations of the historical and cultural findings of biblical archaeology. Over 800 articles with hundreds of photographs, charts, and maps. Cross-referenced. Bibliography.

Wight, Fred H. and Gower, Ralph. The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times. Moody, 1986, $24.95.

Puts difficult passages into perspective and explains various facets of Middle Eastern culture. Paintings, photographs, maps, charts, and diagrams.

Lohse, Eduard. The New Testament Environment. Abingdon, 1976, 320 p., $12.95. Pb, $8.95.

An introduction to the political, social, religious, and intellectual world in which the NT was written.

Tenney, Merrill C. New Testament Times. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 396 p., $21.95.

A skeletal reconstruction of the historical, political, social, cultural, and economic framework in which the NT is set. Photographs, maps, charts, bibliography and indexes.

Pfeiffer, Charles F. Old Testament History. Baker, $22.95.

Seven books in the Old Testament History Series have been combined in one profusely illustrated volume.

Harrison, R.K. Old Testament Times. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 357 p., $16.95.

A nontechnical study of the social and cultural context in which the events of the OT took place. Photographs, maps, indexes.

Sherwin-White, A.N. Roman Society and Roman Law in the New Testament. Baker, pb, $7.95.

Discusses the power of the provincial governor and the process of criminal jurisdiction in relation to the trial of Jesus, the trials of Paul, the socio-economic background of the Galilean-oriented Gospels, and Roman citizenship in Acts.

Edersheim, Alfred. Sketches of Jewish Social Life: In the Days of Christ. Wm.B. Eerdmans, pb, 342 p., $5.95.

A portrait of Palestinian life in NT times, detailing social habits and manners, family life, education, worship, the sects, travel, trade, and commerce.

Ramsey, William M. St. Paul the Traveller and the Roman Citizen. New ed. Baker, 1982, 464 p., $14.95.

Discusses the cultural and political background of the life and travels of Paul, and accurately describes the early church.

Bowen, Barbara M. Strange Scriptures that Perplex the Western Mind. Wm.B. Eerdmans, pb, 121 p., $3.95.
Clarifies over 100 scriptural texts and phrases that often puzzle Western readers unfamiliar with the culture of Bible times.

Coleman, William L. Today's Handbook of Bible Times and Customs. Bethany House, 1984, 303 p., $11.95.

C Gilbertson, Merrill T. The Way it was in Bible Times. Augsburg, pb, 134 p., $6.95.
Explains the many unusual customs and folkways of the people of the Bible. Tells about their homes, dress, how they made their living, etc. Illustrated.

C The World into which Jesus came. Standard, $12.95.
For grades 4 to 8. Explains Jewish history, laws, daily life, customs, places and events. Illustrated.

Van der Woude, A.S., ed. The World of the Bible. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 496 p., $34.95.
Explores the biblical world in 6 areas: the geography of Bible lands; Palestinian archaeology; the writing and languages of the ancient Near East; textual criticism of OT and NT; the history of the ancient Near East up to the 2nd century A.D.; and biblical institutions of daily life and religion. Includes illustrations, bibliographies and indexes.

BIBLE SURVEYS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bible surveys and introductions provide background information on the history and the language of the text, textual criticism, and the formation of the canon of scripture. They discuss each Bible book in order, giving information on such things as its author, its readers, its form and purpose, its characteristics, and its outline.

Tidwell, J.B. The Bible Book by Book. Eerdmans, pb, 233 p., $7.95.
A guide to the background, messages, and writers of the Bible and the relation of each book to the whole.

Purkiser, W.T., ed. Exploring the Old Testament. Beacon Hill, 472 p., $9.95.
Traces the literature and history of the Hebrew nation in outline form.

Earle, Ralph, ed. Exploring the New Testament. Beacon Hill, 467 p., $9.95.
Uses outline form to explain each book of the NT.

Geisler, Norman L. and Nix, William E. A General Introduction to the Bible. Revised and expanded ed. Moody, 1986, $21.95.
An introduction to the Bible that gives special emphasis to conservative scholarship.

Westermann, Claus. Handbook to the Old Testament. Augsburg, pb, 285 p., $11.95.
Traces the primary themes between the major sections and within each book, revealing their scope and significance. Chronological timetable.

Westermann, Claus. Handbook to the New Testament. Augsburg, pb, 180 p., $9.95.
Centers on the message of each book, tracing themes between sections. Charts and tables.

Leary, James F. Hear, O Israel. Christian Classics, 1986, pb, 144 p., $6.95.
A brief introduction to the OT including maps, chronological charts, and a discussion guide with study questions.

Hester, H.I. The Heart of the New Testament. Revised ed. Broadman, $12.95.
Places the NT in chronological order for a view of the origin and development of Christianity.

Merrill, Eugene H. An Historical Survey of the Old Testament. Presbyterian & Reformed, pb, 356 p., $7.95.
An aid to improving ones grasp of the OT. Includes chapter outlines and bibliography.

Francisco, Clyde T. Introducing the Old Testament. Revised ed. Broadman, $13.95.
Provides outline and discussion of major ideas for each book. Chronological chart of events.

Drewes, C. Introduction to the Books of the Bible. Concordia, pb, 244 p., $4.95.
Makes the central message of each book clear.

Hiebert, D. Edmond. An Introduction to the New Testament. Moody, 3 vols. 980 p., $21.95.
Covers basic introductory and historical material.

Thiessen, Henry C. Introduction to the New Testament. Eerdmans, 347 p., $14.95.
Sets forth the conservative view of the NT. Includes a book-by-book survey including outlines and discussion of authorship, date and purpose.

Harrison, Everett F. Introduction to the New Testament. Eerdmans, 508 p., $22.95.
A basic introduction to the background and message of the NT. Treats each book individually, discussing purpose, date, authorship, concepts, etc. Bibliographies, indexes.

Zahn, Theodor. Introduction to the New Testament. Klock & Klock, 3 vols. 1720 p., $48.00.
Notes from a 19th century conservative.

Young, Edward J. An Introduction to the Old Testament. Eerdmans, 432 p., $14.95.
A conservative study of the literary characteristics of the OT books. Includes bibliographies and indexes.

Harrison, R.K. Introduction to the Old Testament. Eerdmans, 1325 p., $29.95.
Following a review of archaeology, chronology, text and canon, history, religion, and theology, each OT book is examined individually. Includes supplement on Apocrypha, bibliographies, and indexes.

Ramsey, William M. The Layman's Guide to the New Testament. John Knox, pb, $11.95.
Emphasizes the relationship of the Bible to history.

Brown, Raymond. Let's Read the Old Testament. Christian Literature Crusade, 1971, pb, 187 p., $2.95.
A simple guide to reading the OT. Introduces each book with an explanation of the background and main message.

Leary, James F. A Light to the Nations: A Guide to the New Testament. Christian Classics, pb, 200 p., $6.95.

McNicol, John. McNicol's Bible Survey. Kregel, 320 p., $13.95.
A survey of every book in the Bible based on an exegesis of the text.

Metzger, Bruce Manning. The New Testament: Its Background, Growth, and Content. Abingdon, 1983, pb, 309 p., $15.95.

Includes a survey of the NT as well as a discussion of the role of scribes and translators, and a description of the major English versions.

Tenney, Merrill C. New Testament Survey. Revised ed. Eerdmans, 454 p., $19.95.
An historical and analytic survey of the NT world and message. Examines each NT book in its historical setting. Bibliographies, maps, charts, illustrations.

Machen, J. Gresham. The New Testament: An Introduction to its Literature and History. Presbyterian & Reformed, pb, 387 p., $9.95.
Lays the groundwork of history and geography, biography and interpretation.

Guthrie, Donald. New Testament Introduction. Revised ed. InterVarsity, 1054 p., $29.95.
Discusses authorship and authenticity, date, composition, textual problems, purpose, structure, and historical and cultural setting of each NT book.

Archer, Gleason L. A Survey of Old Testament Introduction. Revised ed. Moody, 537 p., $15.95.
An examination of the various problems relating to authorship, historicity, inspiration, canonicity, textual issues, and higher criticism of the OT.

Hendriksen, William. Survey of the Bible. Presbyterian & Reformed, pb, 495 p., $15.95.
A treasury of facts, charts, photographs, outlines, and background information on the entire Bible.

Wilkinson, Bruce and Boa, Kenneth. Talk Thru the Bible. Nelson, $14.95.
Traces messianic themes and presents often overlooked information. Includes charts, illustrations, and outlines of all books of the Bible.

Mears, Henrietta C. What the Bible is all about. Regal , 658 p., $13.95. Pb, $9.95.
An overview of the sequence, major events, names and themes of the books of the Bible.

BIBLES: TOPICAL

A topical Bible is a type of concordance which lists texts by subject instead of by specific words. For example: although the KJV does not use the word "sanitation" a topical Bible may list pages of scriptural references which deal with various aspects of sanitation. The references for an important topic may be further divided into sub-topics and often the entire verse or passage will be printed instead of just the phrase containing the word, as in a concordance.

A topical Bible would be consulted to answer questions like, "What does the Bible say about . . .?" and "Which verses in the Bible refer to . . .?"

Hitchcock, Roswell D. Baker's Topical Bible. Baker, 1952, pb, 685 p., $11.95.
Provides access to texts from all books of the Bible on a specific subject.

Bible Index Pocketbook. Harold Shaw, pb, 192 p., $2.95.
Contains over 1000 important subjects and their Bible references. Can be used with any Bible version.

The Book of Bible Quotes. Thomas Nelson, pb, $5.95.
Includes more than 4300 quotations under 1150 topics.

Guideposts Family Topical Concordance to the Bible. Thomas Nelson, $17.95.
Combines in one alphabetical listing the features of a concordance, a biblical index, and a Bible dictionary. Use with any Bible version.

Nave, Orville J. Nave's Topical Bible. Hendrickson, 1616 p., $19.95.
Contains over 20,000 topics and subtopics and 100,000 scripture references. The most significant references for each topic have the full text included. Uses KJV.

Also published by:
Moody, 1384 p., $19.95.
Thomas Nelson, $19.95.
Zondervan, 1120 p., $19.95 (The New Nave's Topical Bible. A revision and enlargement of the original Nave's).
Tyndale, $24.95 (Nave's Topical Living Bible. The Living Bible text combined with Nave's topical organization).

The New Topical Textbook. Revell, 320 p., $12.95.
An index of 20,000 Bible topics and sub-topics with over 30,000 Bible references.

Pinson, William M., Jr. The Word Topical Bible of Issues and Answers. Word, pb, $8.95.
Treats more than 300 subjects of concern today, such as family life, money, sexuality, drugs, war, etc.

BIBLES: VERSIONS AND PARAPHRASES

A Bible version is a word-for-word translation made from the original languages. A paraphrase of the Bible is a restatement of the text to clarify its meaning.

The library's collection should include several of each, in English, for Bible study purposes. Original language texts and foreign language versions should also be included as they are needed.

American Standard Version (ASV) (1901) The American version of the English Revised Standard Version (RSV) of 1881-85 which was a revision of the King James Version. The New American Standard Version (New Testament: 1963, and Old Testament: 1971) is based on the older version but uses many new materials and sources. Sponsored by the Lockman Foundation.

The Complete Hebrew Bible, an English translation by the Jewish Publication Society in three seperate volumes. They are The Torah (1962); The Prophets (1978); The Writings (1982). This is an award-winning translation by distinguished Jewish scholars.

Good News Bible: Today's English Version (1966-77) Sponsored by the American Bible Society. Based on original texts, this version's goal is to communicate the Bible's message in simple terms.

The Jerusalem Bible (JB) (1966-68) An original translation by a team of British scholars, inspired in many respects by the modern French version produced by the Dominican Biblical School in Jerusalem.

King James (Authorized) Version (KJV; AV) (1611) The work of more than 50 scholars appointed by King James I of England. Because of its popularity and general use, this Bible influenced the English language for two centuries. This version has continued to be the most popular one until modern times. Two revisions of the KJV have appeared: King James II Version (1971) and The New King James Bible (1979).

The Living Bible (1971) is a paraphrase by Kenneth Taylor rather than a strict translation. Nevertheless it has had a wide reception in the English-speaking world and an illustrated version, The Way (1972) received endorsement by the Catholic Church.

New American Bible (1969-70) translated from the original languages by Catholic and non-Catholic scholars, members of the Catholic Biblical Association of America.

New English Bible (NEB) (1961 and 1970) Sponsored by the major churches and Bible societies of Great Britain. Produced under the direction of an ecumenical committee of 50 scholars.

New International Version (NIV) (1973 and 1978) Sponsored by the New York Bible Society International. Prepared by a "transdenominational" and international committee of evangelical scholars.

The New King James Version (NKJV) (1982) Thomas Nelson, Inc. A modern revision of the KJV replacing the thee's and thou's of the original with modern pronouns where applicable.

The Reader's Digest Bible condensed from the Revised Standard Version (1982), Bruce M. Metzger, general editor. Published by the Reader's Digest Association, Inc.

This Bible is intended to supplement, not to replace, the full text, giving the general reader the full essence of biblical narrative, teaching and philosophy.

BOOKS ABOUT BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

Metzger, Bruce M. The Early Versions of the New Testament: Their Origin, Transmission, and Limitations. Oxford, 1977, 518 p., $24.95.

A description of all the versions of the NT made before A.D. 1000 and an account of the scholarly investigation, textual analysis and progress of research on each version.

Lewis, Jack P. The English Bible from KJV to NIV. Baker, $16.95.

Evaluates the strengths and weaknesses of the major translations and revisions.

Ewert, David. From Ancient Tablets to Modern Translations: A General Introduction to the Bible. 228 p., $14.95.

A history of the Bible and its translations. Includes photographs, maps, charts, glossary, index, and bibliography.

Bruce, F.F. History of the Bible in English. 3rd ed. Oxford, 1978, pb, 288 p., $8.95.

A study of the various translations of the Bible into English from its earliest days to the contemporary versions.

Kubo, Sakae and Specht, Walter. So Many Versions? Revised ed. Zondervan, pb, 384 p., $9.95.

Characteristics of over 20 English versions are described and illustrated. Includes glossary and bibliography.

BIBLE WORD STUDIES

Word study books provide definitions, derivations, synonyms and usage of the original language words of the text. Their purpose is to clarify the words for a better understanding of the scriptures. They may be arranged alphabetically or in order of their use in the text.

Pick, Aaron. Dictionary of Old Testament Words for English Readers. Kregel, pb, 602 p., $14.95.
Provides Hebrew word studies, Hebrew synonyms, concordance, dictionary. Designed for those with no knowledge of Hebrew.

Bullinger, E.W. Figures of Speech Used in the Bible. Baker, $24.95.
A study in which the figures of speech are regarded as the key to the interpretation and elucidation of the scriptures.

Thayer, Joseph. The New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon. Hendrickson, 784 p., $19.95.
Improves the original by coding to Strong's Concordance, thus allowing those who do not know Greek to use this lexicon. Defines each word and notes significant occurrences of it in the NT and other Greek literature.

Brown, Colin, ed. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology. Zondervan, 3 vols, 3326 p., $100.
Provides a discussion of the major theological terms of the NT. Entries are alphabetically arranged under key English words with the corresponding Greek words being given and discussed in light of classical and secular Greek, OT and Rabbinic writings, and NT usage.

Detzler, Wayne A. N.T. Words in Today's Language. Scripture Press, 1986, $14.95.
The precise meanings of over 200 key Greek words from the NT.

Wilson, William. New Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies. Kregel, 1986, 574 p., $24.95.
New edition features all entries coded to Strong's numbering system. Features all words listed in English with the corresponding Hebrew words and their meanings, along with all passages in which each English word occurs.

Also published by:
Hendrickson, 582 p., $16.95 (Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies)

Vine, E.E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words. Revell, 1568 p., $19.95.
A dictionary, concordance, and commentary, all in one. Words are arranged alphabetically in English.

Also published by:
Thomas Nelson, $17.95 (An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words. Revised).
Fleming H. Revell, 176 p., $9.95 (An Expository Dictionary of Old Testament Words).
Bethany House, 1349 p., $14.95 (The Expanded Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words. A special edition keyed to Strong's Concordance, Brown's New International Dictionary, Arndt/Gingrich's Greek Lexicon).
Fleming H. Revell, 1396 p., $14.95. Thumb-indexed, $16.95 (An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).
Thomas Nelson, $14.95 (An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words. Revised).
Zondervan, pb, 1392 p., $11.95 (Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).
Hendrickson, 1376 p., $14.95 (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).
Moody, pb, $9.95 (W.E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).

Vincent, M.R. Vincent's Word Studies in the New Testament. Hendrickson, 4 vols., 2720 p., $49.95.
Lists each significant word in the NT with its meaning, derivation, idioms and uses in verse-by-verse form. The reader needs no formal language training.

Also published by:
AMG, 1 volume.

Earle, Ralph. Word Meanings in the New Testament. Baker, $19.95.
Moves through the NT verse by verse, explaining key words and phrases.

Robertson, A.T. Word Pictures in the New Testament. Baker, 6 vols., $75.
Reflects knowledge of NT times and language. For those who know little or no Greek. Words richest in meaning have been selected for discussion.

Also published by:
Broadman, 6 vols., $67.50.

Wuest, Kenneth S. Word Studies in the Greek New Testament. Wm.B.Eerdmans, 4 vols., 2700 p., $69.95.
These studies and translations of the Greek NT are simplified commentaries on the Greek text for those who are not conversant with the Greek language.

CHURCH HISTORY

Austin, Bill R. Austin's Topical History of Christianity. Tyndale, $14.95.
Topic-by-topic discussions of the historical events and places of Christianity.

Kuiper, B.K. The Church in History. Eerdmans, pb, 412 p., $12.95.
A survey of the church's history since A.D.33. Includes photographs, maps, charts.

Livingstone, Elizabeth A. The Concise Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church. Oxford, 1977, pb, 576 p., $9.95.
An abridged version of The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church.

Schaff, Philip, ed. The Creeds of Christendom, with a History and Critical Notes. Baker, 6th ed., 3 vols., $75.00.
Includes a doctrinal history of the church, insofar as it is embodied in public standards of faith, and a critical analysis of Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, and Calvinism. Also contains the creeds themselves.

Hammack, Mary L. A Dictionary of Women in Church History. Moody, 166 p., $11.95.
In nearly 1000 entries, discusses women from all denominations and backgrounds, including those who influenced the church negatively.

Bettenson, Henry, ed. Documents of the Christian Church. Oxford, 1963, pb, 362 p., $7.95.

Bettenson, Henry, ed. The Early Christian Fathers: A Selection from the Writings of the Fathers from St. Clement of Rome to St. Athanasius. Oxford, 1956, pb, 318 p., $8.95.

Noll, Mark A., ed. Eerdmans' Handbook to Christianity in America. 507 p., $24.95.
An account of the planting, growth, and development of Christian belief in America. Includes photographs, maps, charts, and timelines.

Dowley, Tim, ed. Eerdmans' Handbook to the History of Christianity. Eerdmans, 656 p., $24.95.

Emphasizing growth and vitality rather than institutions, the eight major sections give a broad understanding of each historical period and then highlight key movements and personalities.

Tucker, Ruth. From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya: A Biographical History of Christian Missions. Zondervan, pb, 512 p., $14.95.

Covers missions chronologically and geographically and discusses key persons and issues. Bibliography, maps, photos, charts.

Harnell, Patrick J. Handbook of Patrology. Alba House, 170 p., $5.95.

A concise guide to the life and works of the Fathers of the Church.

Petry, Ray C. and Manschreck, Clyde L., eds. A History of Christianity: Readings in the History of the Church. Baker, pb, 2 vols., $45.00.

Schaff, Philip. History of the Christian Church. Eerdmans, 8 vols., $143.60.

Begins with a discussion of the nature, branches, periods, and literature of church history, and then proceeds to tell the detailed story of the church. Includes maps, charts, notes, bibliographies, and indexes.

Gonzalez, Justo L. A History of Christian Thought. Abingdon, pb, 3 vols., $56.00.

Bettenson, Henry, ed. The Later Christian Fathers: A Selection from the Writings of the Fathers from St. Cyril of Jerusalem to St. Leo the Great. Oxford, 1970, pb, 302 p., $7.95.

Butler, Alban. Lives of the Saints. Christian Classics, 4 vols., $125.00.

Douglas, J.D. and Cairns, Earle E., eds. The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church. Revised ed. Zondervan, 1074 p., $29.95.

Nearly 5000 articles on historical events and present-day trends, personalities, movements, and doctrinal developments. Cross references and bibliographies.

Kelly, J.N.D. The Oxford Dictionary of Popes. Oxford, 1986, 450 p., $24.95.

Contains chronologically arranged biographies of all the Popes and Antipopes, from the Apostle Peter to John Paul II. Indexed.

Farmer, David Hugh. The Oxford Dictionary of Saints. Oxford, 1978, pb, 462 p., $8.95.

Gives accounts of the lives, cults, and artistic and literary memorials of saints venerated in the English-speaking world.

Cross, F. L., ed. The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church. 2nd ed. Oxford, 1974, 1550 p., $60.00.

Covers every aspect of Christianity, especially its historical development.

Renwick, A.M. and Harman, A.M. The Story of the Church. Enlarged ed. Eerdmans, pb, 272 p., $8.95.

Concise history of the church.

Baker, Robert A. A Summary of Christian History. Broadman, $16.95.

Concise history of Christianity presented under six periods. Includes discussion of today's situation.

Brauer, Jerald C., ed. The Westminster Dictionary of Church History. Westminster, 900 p., $27.50.

Wakefield, Gordon S., ed. The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality. Westminster, 416 p., $20.95.
Includes definitions of terms, and descriptions of events, concepts, and persons, as well as articles on religious and theological issues in Christian spirituality. Ecumenical in character; articles are nondogmatic.

Moyer, Elgin S. Wycliffe Biographical Dictionary of the Church. Revised ed. Moody, 449 p., $19.95.
Provides biographical information about 2000 men and women who have influenced the Christian church. Includes chronological index, cross-references, and bibliography.

COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Crim, Keith, ed. Abingdon Dictionary of Living Religions. Abingdon, 1981, 864 p., $17.95.
A compendium of religions in practice in the present day, this resource includes over 1,600 articles by more than 150 contributors.

Van Baalen, J.K. The Chaos of Cults. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 414 p., $11.95.
The examination of each cult includes discussion of leaders, origins, and principal teachings of the cult on crucial biblical doctrines, as well as quotations from primary sources and a biblical refutation of errors.

Parrinder, Geoffrey. A Dictionary of Non-Christian Religions. Westminster, 1973, 320 p., $10.95.

Eerdman's Handbook to the World's Religions. Wm.B. Eerdmans, 448 p., $21.95.
An introduction and guide to the world's religions, from the earliest forms of worship to the present day. Fully illustrated with over 200 photographs as well as maps and charts.

Hinnells, Hohn R., ed. The Facts on File Dictionary of Religion. Facts on File, 560 p., $24.95.
Explains a wide variety of items and concepts pertaining to both the study of world religions and to the vocabulary of particular faiths.

Kennedy, Richard. International Dictionary of Religion. Crossroads/Continuum, 1983, pb, 256 p., $12.95.
Explains simply and clearly the principals and practices of the religions of the world and is accompanied by over 200 illustrations.

Parrinder, Geoffrey. Introduction to Asian Religions. Oxford, 1976, pb, 144 p., $7.95.
A clear, concise guide to the diverse religious systems of Asia.

Larson, Bob. Larson's Book of Cults. Tyndale, 1982, pb, $9.95.
Analyzes dozens of prominent cults from historical, sociological, and theological perspectives.

Earhart, H. Byron, ed. Religious Traditions of the World Series. Harper & Row, pb, $6.95 per volume.
Each volume explores the history of a tradition, interprets it as a unified set of religious beliefs and practices, and gives examples of religious careers and typical practices.

Cousins, Ewert, ed. World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of The Religious Quest in 25 volumes. Crossroads/Continuum, $49.50 per volume.
A series with more than 500 contributing scholars worldwide, presenting the spiritual

wisdom of the human race in its historical unfolding from prehistoric times, through the great religions to the meeting of traditions at present.

Parrinder, Geoffrey, ed. World Religions: From Ancient History to the Present. Facts on File, 582 p., $29.95. Pb, $14.95.
Explains the doctrines, myths, symbolism and rituals of religions past and present.

Barrett, David B. and Others. World Christian Encyclopedia: A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions in the Modern World, A.D. 1900-2000. Oxford, 1982, 1026 p., $145.00.
Describes the extent, status, and characteristics of the Christian religion, its 150 major ecclesiastical traditions and 20,800 distinct denominations, dioceses, jurisdictions, missions, assemblies, and fellowships.

DENOMINATIONS

Each individual church or group of churches will have information which pertains specifically to them. This may include: histories; handbooks; yearbooks containing statistics on membership, names of officers, addresses, etc.; proceedings of national conferences; and encyclopedias.

Books which give basic information on many churches or denominations are available as well.

Broderick, Robert, ed. The Catholic Encyclopedia. Nelson, pb, $14.95.
Over 4000 entries; 150 illustrations; subjects of ecumenical interest.

Mead, Frank S. Handbook of Denominations in the United States. 8th ed. Abingdon, 1984, 400 p., $10.95.
Describes more than 225 religious bodies in the United States--their historical background; doctrines or main teachings; and governmental organization.

Hiscox, Edward T. The Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches. Judson, $11.95

Lueker, E.L., ed. Lutheran Cyclopedia. Concordia, $21.95.

The Mennonite Encyclopedia. Herald Press, 4 vols., 3800 p., $160.00.
Covers the 435 year history of the faith, life, and culture of Anabaptists in Europe and Mennonites throughout the world. Over 2700 contributors.

Gray, Joan S. and Tucker, Joyce C. Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers. John Knox, 1986, pb, 226 p., $7.95.
An interpretation of the Book of Order and Presbyterian polity.

Mayer, F.E. The Religious Bodies of America. Concordia, 616 p., $17.50.
Classifies all religious bodies and traces the historical origin and development of each denominational family.

Jacquet, Constant H., Jr., ed. Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, 1986. Abingdon, 1986, pb, 304 p.
Updated annually, this is an index for gauging trends. Includes a calendar of religious observances; directory of church-related agencies, periodicals, seminaries and colleges; a complete historical and statistical section; and index.

MUSIC

101 Hymn Stories. Kregel, pb, 288 p., $8.95.
The experiences and background stories behind 101 favorite hymns.

101 More Hymn Stories. Kregel, pb, 328 p., $9.95.
The stories behind the hymns of 101 more past and contemporary favorites with the music included.

Gealy, Fred D.; Lovelace, Austin C.; and Young, Carlton R. Companion to the Hymnal. Abingdon, 1970, 768 p., $19.95.
Based on The Methodist Hymnal but not bound by denominational concerns. Includes analyses of psalms and hymns, a survey of tunes, a discussion of hymnbooks, comments on the texts and tunes of each hymn, and biographies of composers, arrangers, etc. Indexes and bibliography.

Julian, John. Dictionary of Hymnology. New, enlarged type ed. Kregel, 2 vols., 1786 p., $120.00.
A listing and study of the hymns and authors of all ages and nations.

Routley, Erik. An English-Speaking Hymnal Guide. Liturgical Press, 1979, 125 p., $29.50.
An annotated list of 888 hymns from 26 hymnals, giving author or source of hymn with limited biographical and historical background.

Higginson, J. Vincent. Handbook for American Catholic Hymnals. The Hymn Society of America, 1976, 334 p., $18.00.
Gives information on the background of 1100 texts and their tunes from 30 hymnals in common use from 1871 to 1964.

Spencer, Donald A. Hymn and Scripture Selection Guide. Judson, $9.85.
Cross-reference of scripture and hymns, with 12,000 references for 380 hymns.

Reynolds, William J. Hymns of our Faith. Broadman, $18.95.
Facts about the backgrounds of 554 hymns and tunes as well as biographical information about their authors.

Christopher, Idle. Stories of our Favorite Hymns. Eerdmans, 72 p., $12.95.
A collection of 50 favorite hymns of the church along with the stories of how they came to be written.

WORSHIP AND PREACHING

C Alexander, Charles. The Church's Year. Oxford, 1950, 234 p., $3.00.
This book, intended especially for young people, gives information about the festivals and saints commemorated by the Church of England.

Allen, Horace T. Handbook for the Common Lectionary. Updated version. Westminster, 1986, pb, 252 p., $11.95.
Follows the Common Lectionary in the three-year cycle. Includes index of scripture lessons.

Hickman, Hoyt L.; Sallers, Don E.; Stookey, Laurence H.; and White, James F. Handbook of the Christian Year. Abingdon, 1986, pb, 400 p.
Provides a series of worship services organized around the Christian year including background, patterns, services for Sundays and special days, texts, commentary, and supplementary materials.

Knight, Walter B. Knight's Treasury of Illustrations. Eerdmans, pb, 451 p., $9.95.
A topically arranged encyclopedia of "Short Quotes" and longer "illustrations".

Davies, J.G., ed. The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship. 1986, 560 p., $29.95.
Discusses recent developments in liturgy and worship with a wide coverage of individual religious bodies. Cross-references and bibliographies.

Castle, Tony, ed. The New Book of Christian Prayers. Crossroad/Continuum, 364 p., $19.50.
More than 1000 new and classic prayers arranged thematically. Indexed by subject and chronologically by author.

Appleton, George, ed. The Oxford Book of Prayer. Oxford, 1985, 410 p., $19.95.
A compilation of 1000 prayers. Includes prayers from the great religions other than Christianity.

Shepherd, Massey Hamilton, Jr. The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary. Oxford, 1950, 1016 p., $27.50.
The historical development of the book of Common Prayer.

Klauser, Theodor. A Short History of the Western Liturgy. 2nd ed. Oxford, 1979, pb, 250 p., $9.95.
A guide to the history of worship in the Latin Church from the earliest known Roman liturgy to the Second Vatican Council.

Jones, Cheslyn; Wainright, Geoffrey; and Yarnold, Edward, eds. The Study of Liturgy. Oxford, 1978, 576 p., $25.95. Pb, $13.95.
Studies the 5 major foci of Christian worship in an historical setting.

Wirt, Sherwood Elliot and Beckstrom, Kersten, eds. Topical Encyclopedia of Living Quotations. Bethany House, 1982, pb, 290 p., $7.95.
Important sayings of significant people, alphabetically arranged under 350 categories.

Treasury of the World's Great Sermons. Kregel, 672 p., $24.95.
122 sermons from great preachers. A biographical description of each preacher is included.

Proctor, F.B. Treasury of Quotations on Religious Subjects. Kregel, 832 p., $21.95.
Quotations from 722 authors and preachers of all ages on 3000 subjects. Topic, text and author indexes.

6. REFERENCE BOOKS FOR A SMALL JEWISH LIBRARY

Prepared by Marcia Posner

BIOGRAPHY

Who's Who in American Jewry; incorporating the Directory of American Jewish Institutions. Standard Who's Who, 1980. 726 p.

Comay, Joan. Who's Who in Jewish History: after the Period of the Old Testament. McKay, 1974. 448 p.

Comay, Joan. Who's Who in the Old Testament, Together with the Apocrypha. Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1971. 448 p.
3,000 entries, 450 illustrations and maps. Chronology.

Who's Who in World Jewry; a Biographical Dictionary of Outstanding Jews. Who's Who in World Jewry, Inc. 1955 -

DICTIONARIES

Alcaly, Reuben. The Complete English-Hebrew Dictionary. Massada, 1981. 2 v.

Rosenbaum, Samuel. A Yiddish Word Book for English-speaking People. Van Nostrand, 1978. 199 p.

DIRECTORIES, ALMANACS

Himmelfarb, Milton and Singer, David, eds. American Jewish Year Book. Annual. American Jewish Committee and Jewish Publication Society. $25.95.
Population statistics, lists of national Jewish organizations and Jewish Federations, directory of Jewish periodicals, necrology, informative articles on political, communal, religious developments, etc.

Tillem, Ivan. The Jewish Almanac. Pacific Press, 1985.
A compendium of current events, Jewish history, biography, religion, miscellany. Includes yellow pages. No index.

Kabakoff, Jacob, ed. Jewish Book Annual. Jewish Book Council. $18.00.
Annotated bibliographies of books of Jewish interest. Articles on Jewish literature and scholarship.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Roth, Cecil and Wigoder, Geoffrey, eds. The Concise Jewish Encyclopedia. New American Library, 1980. pb, $8.95.
A competent one-volume work, valuable especially for its low price and compactness.

Wigoder, Geoffrey, ed. Encyclopedic Dictionary of Judaica. Keter, 1974. 673 p.
A one-volume mini-encyclopedia based on the 16-volume Encyclopedia Judaica.

Encyclopedia Judaica. Keter, 1972. 16 v. $465.00. Yearbooks and Decennial Book (1986).
The major Jewish reference book of our time, it presents both traditional and liberal points of view. Has a distinguished roster of contributing scholars and a thorough index.

GENEALOGY

Kaganoff, Benzion C. A Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History. Schocken Books. 1977. $10.95. pb, $8.95.

Kurzweil, Arthur. From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History. Schocken Books, 1982. pb, $19.95.
Where to find the documents and records you need and how to use them. Includes advice on interviewing elderly relatives and other helps.

Zubatsky, David and Berent, Irwin. Jewish Genealogy: A Sourcebook of Family Histories and Genealogies. Garland, 1984.
Bibliography of "published and unpublished Jewish genealogies, family histories and individual family names." Entries are cross-referenced. Coverage is world-wide.

HISTORY

Gilbert, Martin. Atlas of Jewish History. Dorset Press/Barnes & Noble, 1985. $5.95.
120 maps show events that give both the facts and flavor of Jewish history from antiquity to the present.

Kedoori, Elie, ed. The Jewish World: History and Culture of the Jewish People. H.N. Abrams, 1979. 328 p.
A richly illustrated history of the Jews written by scholars for laymen.

HOLOCAUST

Hilberg, Raul. The Destruction of the European Jews. 1985. 3 v.
Winner of the National Jewish Book Award - Holocaust.

Cargas, Harry James. The Holocaust; An Annotated Bibliography. ALA, 1986. $27.50.
Covers both primary and secondary sources, and includes audio-visual materials.

ISRAEL AND ZIONISM

Sachar, Howard M. A History of Israel from the Rise of Zionism to Our Time. Knopf, 1976. 883 p.
The best comprehensive history.

JEWISH-AMERICAN HISTORY

Schoener, Allon. American Jewish Album, from 1654 to the Present. Rizzoli, 1983. 352 p. illus. $45.
An eyewitness account of 3 centuries of Jewish culture with photographs, illustrations of playbills, portraits, etc. Text is primarily journal excerpts and letters. Generous index.

Learsi, Rufus (pseud.) The Jews in American History. Epilogue: American Jewry, 1954-1971, by Abraham K. Karp. 1972. 422 p.
Most comprehensive treatment of the subject.

JUDAISM

Steinberg, Milton. Basic Judaism. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1975. pb, $2.95.
Considered by many to be the best one-volume presentation of basics of Jewish belief and practice. Presents approaches of all major branches of Judaism impartially. Interpretive as well as descriptive.

Kukoff, Lydia. Choosing Judaism. UAHC, 1981. $10. Hippocrene Books, pb, $5.95.
Written by a convert to Judaism, this is a guide for other converts on what to expect both from their non-Jewish families and from their new fellow Jews. Emphasis is on practical rather than religious issues involved.

Trepp, Leo. The Complete Book of Jewish Observance: A Practical Manual for the Modern Jew. Summit Books/Behrman House, 1980. $16.95.
Clear, simple explanation of the differences of belief and practice of the major branches of Judaism.

Birnbaum, Philip. Encyclopedia of Jewish Concepts. Hebrew Publishing, 1979. $19.50. pb, $11.75.
Definitions of more than 1,600 concepts and terms related to the essential teachings of Judaism - its ideals and practices. Presupposes some degree of Jewish knowledge.

Greenberg, Blu. How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household. Simon & Schuster. 1984. $19.95.

A valuable guide for people who wish to run their home in accordance with Orthodox practice. Explains every detail of Jewish living in a direct and anecdotal style.

The Jewish Catalog Series. Jewish Publication Society. 3 v.

Siegel, Richard, Strassfield, Michael and Strassfield, Sharon S. The (First) Jewish Catalog. 1973. pb, $7.95.

Covers information on the Jewish calendar, keeping kosher, getting married, creating a Jewish library, bringing the Messiah, Jewish travel and more.

Strassfield, Sharon S. and Strassfield, Michael. The Second Jewish Catalog: Sources and Resources. 1976. pb, $8.95.

The Jewish life cycle, sex and sexuality, Jewish education, the synagogue and prayer, the arts and a Jewish yellow pages.

The Third Jewish Catalog: Creating Community. 1980. pb, $9.95.

Focuses on Jewish responsibility including charity, social action, ecology, Israel and Zionism. Chapters on Yiddish, Jewish genealogy. Index to all three volumes.

The Jewish Book of Why. Jonathan David, 1981. $12.95.

Looks at the how and why of hundreds of Jewish practices. Concentrating on the basics of Jewish life, describing the 3 major traditions.

Idelsohn, Abraham Z. Jewish Liturgy and Its Development. Schocken, 1967. 404 p.

The classic presentation of the historical development of Jewish worship and liturgy from ancient times to the nineteenth century.

Prager, Dennis and Telushken, Joseph. Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism. Simon & Schuster, 1981. $16.95. pb, $7.95.

Well-reasoned answers to questions about Judaism and God.

The Second Jewish Book of Why. Jonathan David, 1985. $13.95.

Deals with more controversial issues, including the role of women, conversion, intermarriage, etc.

Epstein, David and Stutman, Suzanne Singer. Torah With Love: a Guide for Strengthening Jewish Values Within the Family. Prentice-Hall, 1986. $14.95.

How to pass on Jewish values to children in the home.

LIBRARIANSHIP

Lubetski, Edith, and Lubetski, Meir. Building a Judaica Library Collection: A Resource Guide. Libraries Unlimited, 1983. $30.00.

Useful for all Jewish libraries, including small synagogues. Covers books, magazines, publishers, booksellers, library and book-related organizations.

Davis, Enid. Comprehensive Guide to Children's Literature with a Jewish Theme. Schocken, 1981. $18.95.

Reviews, with age levels noted, resources, book publishers and distributors and provides guidelines for selecting books for children. Indexed by author, title, subject.

Posner, Marcia W. Juvenile Judaica: the Jewish Values Bookfinder. Association of Jewish Libraries, 1985- 97 p. plus updates. $15.90. Updates, $3.50 each.

Serves as update to previous entry. Especially useful detailed subject index serves as a guide to the contents of the books.

Cutter, Charles and Oppenheim, Micha Falk. Jewish Reference Sources: a Selective, Annotated Bibliographic Guide. Garland, 1982. $24.00.

Brief annotations of more than 360 reference works including monographs considered basic by the authors. Titles are subdivided into more than 30 subjects, including anti-Semitism, Bible studies, crafts, genealogy, history, music, Zionism.

QUOTATIONS

Baron, Joseph L., ed. A Treasury of Jewish Quotations. Aronson. $25.

Subject arrangement of quotations selected from more than 2,500 years of Jewish history. Glossary, bibliography, indexes.

RABBINIC LITERATURE

Holtz, Barry W., ed. Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts. Summit Books, 1984. $21.95.

Introduction to traditional Jewish texts - Biblical narrative, law and poetry, Talmud, Midrash, medieval commentaries and Jewish philosophy, kabbalistic texts, teachings of the Hasidic masters, prayer and the prayer book. Bibliographical essays with each chapter.

Feinsilver, Alexander, ed. and trans. The Talmud for Today. St. Martin's Press, 1980. $14.95.

Excerpts from the Talmud, organized topically, demonstrating its relevance to modern life.

7. PUBLISHERS OF RELIGIOUS REFERENCE BOOKS

The descriptive words following the addresses have been provided by the publishers of books listed in chapter 5. Please do not assume, however, that because a publisher is associated with a particular denomination they publish only books that reflect that denomination's viewpoint, but rather that they may publish books of special interest to that denomination.

Abingdon Press
201 8th Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37202
United Methodist Church

Accent Books
P.O.Box 15337
Denver, CO 80215
Protestant

Alba House Publications
Society of Saint Paul
2187 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, NY 10314-6603
Roman Catholic

AMG Publishers
6815 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37422

Augsburg Publishing House
426 South 5th Street
Box 1209
Minneapolis, MN 55440
The American Lutheran Church

Baker Book House
Box 6287
Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
Box 419527
Kansas City, MO 64141
Church of the Nazarene

Bethany House Publishers
6820 Auto Club Road
Minneapolis, MN 55438

Broadman Press
127 Ninth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37234
Southern Baptist

Christian Classics, Inc.
P.O.Box 30
Westminster, MD 21157
Roman Catholic

Christian Literature Crusade
P.O.Box 1449
Ft. Washington, PA 19034
Protestant

Concordia Publishing House
3558 South Grand
St. louis, MO 63118
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Crossroad/Continuum
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Doubleday & Company, Inc.
501 Franklin Ave.
Garden City, NY 11530

Facts on File, Inc.
460 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016

Fleming H. Revell Co.
184 Central Avenue
Old Tappan, NJ 07675
Protestant

Fortress Press
2900 Queen lane
Philadelphia, PA 19129
Lutheran Church in America

Hammond, Inc.
515 Valley Street
Maplewood, NJ 07040

Harold Shaw Publishers
Box 567, 388 Gunderson Drive
Wheaton, IL 60189

Harper & Row Publishers, Inc.
Ice House One, Suite 401
151 Union Street
San Francisco, CA 94111-1299

Hendrickson Publishers
137 Summit Street
P.O.Box 3473
Peabody, MA 01961-3473

Herald Press
616 Walnut Avenue
Scottdale, PA 15683
Mennonite

The Hymn Society of America
Wittenberg University
Springfield, OH 45501

InterVarsity Press
P.O. Box 1400
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Protestant

John Knox Press
341 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30365
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Judson Press
P.O.Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
American Baptist Churches, USA

Klock & Klock Christian Publishers, Inc.
2527 Girard Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Fundamental Baptist

Kregel Publications
P.O.Box 2607
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2607

Liturgical Press
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, MN 56321

Loizeaux Brothers Inc.
P.O.Box 277
Neptune, NJ 07754-0277

Macmillan Publishing Company
866 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Moody Press
820 North LaSalle Drive
Chicago, IL 60610
Protestant

Multnomah Press
10209 SE Division Street
Portland, OR 97266

Oxford University Press
1600 Pollitt drive
Fairlawn, NJ 07410

Presbyterian & Reformed Publishing Co.
P.O. Box 817
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-0817
Protestant

Regal Books
2300 Knoll Drive
Ventura, Ca 93003
Protestant

Scripture Press Publications, Inc.
1825 College Avenue
Wheaton, IL 60187

Standard Publishing
8121 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Sweet Publishing
3934 Sandshell Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76137

Thomas Nelson Publishers
Nelson Place at Elm Hill Pike
P.O.Box 141000
Nashville, TN 37214-1000

Tyndale House Publishers
336 Gunderson Drive
Wheaton, IL 60189

Westminster Press, The
P.O.Box 718, William Penn Annex
Philadelphia, PA 19105
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
255 Jefferson Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Word Publishing
4800 W. Waco Drive
Waco, Texas 76796

Zondervan Publishing House
1415 Lake Drive, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

CSLA GUIDE SERIES

CSLA Guide No. 1 – SETTING UP A LIBRARY: HOW TO BEGIN OR BEGIN AGAIN, by Ruth S. Smith. 1979. 8p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-16-4.

CSLA Guide No. 2 (Rev. 2nd ed.) – PROMOTION PLANNING ALL YEAR 'ROUND, by Claudia Hannaford and Ruth S. Smith. 1978. 52p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-09-1.

CSLA Guide No. 3 (Rev. ed.) – WORKSHOP PLANNING, by Ruth S. Smith. 1979. 65p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-15-6.

CSLA Guide No. 4 (3rd. ed.) – SELECTING LIBRARY MATERIALS, by Arthur W. Swarthout. 1986. 16p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-07-5.

CSLA Guide No. 5 – CATALOGING MADE EASY, by Ruth S. Smith. 1987. 40 p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-25-3.

CSLA Guide No. 6 – STANDARDS FOR CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES. 1977. 20p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-12-1.

CSLA Guide No. 7 – CLASSIFYING CHURCH OR SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY MATERIALS, by Dorothy B. Kersten. 1977. 10p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-13-X.

CSLA Guide No. 8 (Rev. ed.) – SUBJECT HEADINGS FOR CHURCH OR SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES, by Dorothy B. Kersten. 1984. 36p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-14-8.

CSLA Guide No. 9 – A POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES, by Martin Ruoss. 1980. 13p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-17-2.

CSLA Guide No. 10 – ARCHIVES IN THE CHURCH OR SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY, by Evelyn R. Ling. 1981. 24p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-18-0.

CSLA Guide No. 11 – PLANNING BULLETIN BOARDS FOR CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES, by Janelle A. Paris. 1984. 48p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-20-2.

CSLA Guide No. 12 – GETTING THE BOOKS OFF THE SHELVES: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CONGREGATION'S LIBRARY, by Ruth S. Smith. 1985. 40p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-22-9.

CSLA Guide No. 13 – THE ABC'S OF FINANCING CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES; ACQUIRING FUNDS, BUDGETING AND CASH ACCOUNTING, by Claudia Hannaford. 1985. 36p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-23-7.

CSLA Guide No. 14 – RECRUITING AND TRAINING VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES, by Lorraine E. Burson. 1986. 31p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-24-5.

CSLA Guide No. 15 – PROVIDING REFERENCE SERVICE IN CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARIES., by Jennifer Pritchett. 1987. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-26-1.

OTHER CSLA PUBLICATIONS

CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY RESOURCES 4th ed. A CSLA Bibliography, by Rachel Kohl and Dorothy Rodda. 1984. 20p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-015324-08-3.

HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH BOOKS: A SELECTED BOOKLIST. Rev. ed. A CSLA Bibliography, by Helen Keating Ott. 1979. 35p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-06-7.

A BASIC BOOK LIST FOR CHURCH LIBRARIES. 2nd Rev. ed. A CSLA Bibliography, by Bernard E. Deitrick. 1983. 15p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-10-5.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH. A CSLA Bibliography, by Bernard E. Deitrick. 1983. 16p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-19-9.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. A CSLA Bibliography, by Patricia Pearl. 1983. 36p. Paperbound. ISBN 0-915324-21-0.

THE FAMILY USES THE LIBRARY. A CSLA Leaflet. 2nd ed. 1977. 4p.

THE TEACHER AND THE LIBRARY – PARTNERS IN RELIGOUS EDUCATION. A CSLA Leaflet. 1978. 4p.

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